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## THE WORLD THIS MORNING

### 3 years jail

**NEW YORK, (Reuters):** Ivan Boesky, the powerful Wall Street financier who played a key role in the biggest insider trading scheme in US history, was sentenced yesterday to three years in prison. But he was not fined.

### Bus crash

**NEW DELHI, (UPI):** At least nine people were killed and 55 injured when a bus toppled into a gorge in southern India while carrying pilgrims to a Hindu holy site, the United News of India reported yesterday.

### Kidnappers threat

**BEIRUT, (AP):** A pro-Iranian group yesterday threatened to hurt four hostages it holds, three Americans and an Indian, if Israel does not stop the killings of Palestinian demonstrators in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

### 45 detained

**COLOMBO, (AP):** At least eight students were injured in clashes with Army troops and police yesterday after they attempted to prevent searches for arms and bombs in a university campus near Colombo, officials said.

### Hussein's letter

**DAMASCUS, (AP):** Jordanian Prime Minister Zaid Rifai met with President Hafez Assad yesterday and delivered a letter from King Hussein.

### Double agent

**MOSCOW, (Reuters):** British double agent Kim Philby, who escaped to Moscow 24 years ago after betraying Western secrets, appeared in a Soviet spy film on Latvian television yesterday, the official Tass news agency said.

### Trade accord

**ANKARA, (Reuters):** Turkey said a European Parliament vote to delay approval of a bilateral trade accord was politically motivated and could have serious implications.

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# Tanker carrying Kuwaiti oil hit

**MANAMA, Dec 18, (UPI):** Iranian speedboats fired nine rockets today at a supertanker laden with Kuwaiti crude oil not escorted by the US Navy and attacked another tanker from Saudi Arabia, shipping officials said.

Also today, Iraqi warplanes evidently attacked a British-managed tanker in Iranian service at Lavan Island oil terminal, the Gulf-based officials reported. The 125,865-ton Free Enterprise ran aground while trying to dodge the Iraqi jets' French-made Exocet missiles, they said.

The attacks climaxed one of the worst outbreaks of the "tanker war" since its outset in 1984. Some Gulf analysts believe Iran has acquired recently a consignment of Chinese-made C80 ship-borne missiles with similar characteristics to the Exocet.

### Caused

Others believe the spate of attacks is caused by anger on both sides at the inconclusive Opec meeting that ended on Tuesday and the subsequent dive in oil prices to below \$15 per barrel.

Revolutionary Guards used three speedboats to fire nine rockets at the 140,277-ton Norwegian-flagged tanker Happy Kari, which was sailing through the Strait of Hormuz bound for Khor Fakkan in the Gulf of Oman, officials said.

The Happy Kari was fully laden with Kuwaiti crude oil

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## US will expel Soviet diplomat caught spying

**WASHINGTON, Dec 18, (AP):** The United States caught a Soviet diplomat trying to obtain US defence technology and will expel him from the country, a US government official said today.

The official said Mikhail Katkov, second secretary at the Soviet mission to the United Nations, was attempting to spy on American industry to get information on technology with a military application.

"He was unquestionably involved in espionage and it did not just involve the civilian sector. It involved defence related technology," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

### Surveillance

Katkov was "a lower level operative," caught in the "pretty solid surveillance we have" of Soviet officials in the United States, the official said.

The official said although the administration of President Reagan is upset about any Soviet spying, he did not expect the incident to cause a major detour in a US-Soviet drive to improve relations on a broad agenda of human rights, arms control regional and bilateral issues.

The administration also does not expect the Soviets to retaliate by expelling a US diplomat, although you can never predict what they will do," the official said.

United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said FBI agents apprehended the man probably in New York yesterday but released him after he showed his diplomat's card, entitling him to immunity from prosecution.

### Identified

"He has apparently been discovered in a kind of illegal activity," which was "alleged espionage," the UN chief said.

Perez de Cuellar identified the diplomat only as a second secretary at the Soviet mission. The UN directory lists 17 second secretaries.

The Soviet mission provided the name of the diplomat in a two-sentence statement early today.

"The fact of detention of the Second Secretary of the Soviet mission, Mikhail Katkov, has taken place. Contacts between American and Soviet corresponding authorities are under way," the statement said.

## Egypt studies Kuwait's defence needs

**CAIRO, Dec 18, (Agencies):** Egyptian Defence Minister Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala returned home yesterday after a four-day visit to Kuwait which he said was aimed at appraising Kuwait's security needs in the face of Iranian threats.

Egypt's state-run Middle East News Agency quoted him as saying on arrival in Cairo that his visit was "successful by all standards."

In an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper published on Thursday, Abu Ghazala said the aim of his visit was "to conduct a field

study and lay down a joint practical vision of what should be undertaken to prop up Kuwait's national security."

Speaking on Kuwaiti-Egyptian military cooperation, Abu Ghazala said "It is not limited", and Egypt will immediately respond to any military demand by Kuwait.

In departure statements, Abu Ghazala denied reports that a joint Egyptian-Jordanian military command has been set up to defend Gulf states against Iranian aggression and expressed concern over a recent US-



The battleship USS Iowa fires its sixteen-inch guns during exercises in the Arabian sea. The aircraft carrier USS Midway can be seen in the background. (Reuters radiophoto)

### Opposition calls election a fraud

## Violence erupts after Roh victory

**SEOUL, Dec 18, (UPI):** President Chun Doo Hwan threatened a harsh crackdown on post-election violence today as riot police stormed a polling station and dragged away more than 1,000 people protesting allegations of fraud in Wednesday's presidential poll.

Other protests erupted across the country, with students and dissidents calling the election "null and void." Opposition officials said they were waiting for word from their leaders before mounting a concerted campaign against the poll.

But President-elect Roh Tae-woo held out an olive branch to the opposition, promising to form a national committee for

reconciliation to help heal wounds that have festered through seven years of Chun's authoritarian rule.

### Freud

Roh also said he would free political prisoners "who repent their guilt." A similar amnesty freed nearly 1,000 prisoners last July, but human rights watchdog groups say an equal number has been jailed since June, when Roh promised sweeping democratic reforms.

A neighbourhood official in Seoul declared he had been bribed by the ruling party and set himself on fire in front of his neighbours in a suicide attempt, news reports said.

In an early-morning raid,

police overwhelmed more than 1,000 protesters at a Seoul polling station, where they were holding what they said was an altered ballot box, sparking a three-hour battle with rocks, firebombs and tear gas. Police said 1,003 people were arrested and 36 people were injured.

Students, in groups of several hundred, roamed the streets of downtown Seoul chanting "The election is null and void" and "Terminate military rule," hurling Molotov cocktails at riot police lining the streets and torching two police substations.

Several hundred students occupied Myongdong cathedral in Seoul, denouncing domestic

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### One killed by stray bullet

## Thousands rejoice as Benazir marries Zardari

**KARACHI, Dec 18, (Agencies):** At least 100,000 Pakistanis turned out to congratulate Benazir Bhutto on her wedding today at a giant party of fireworks, music and political slogans.

The 34-year-old opposition leader and her new husband Asif Zardari drove straight from the elegance of a society reception to a popular gathering in Lyari, one of Karachi's poorest areas.

Wearing a white and gold wedding dress, she hailed the cheering crowds as rockets burst, photographers swarmed and party faithful waved flags and chanted their support.

A woman watching preparations for the party from her balcony was killed by a stray bullet, apparently when a celebrating Benazir supporter sent a burst of semi-automatic fire into the air, doctors said.

Another eight people attending the public reception suffered minor injuries in the crush of thousands of jubilant Pakistanis attempting to swarm the park grounds, they said.

### Gathered

Several hundred People's Party supporters gathered outside with portraits of the tall, attractive politician and her executed father, former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Chanting slogans and waving the tricolour party flags they came in trucks, cars, and donkey-carts, on bicycles and motor-scooters from all over Pakistan and even abroad.

A spokesman at the Bhutto household said the marriage ceremony involved an exchange of legal documents spelling out the responsibilities of husband and wife.

Benazir earlier in the day told a news conference at her residence that despite the marriage, her priority remained the ouster of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

### Simple

But the 34-year-old Oxford-educated opposition leader said her new husband wanted a large family and she would make a "political calculation" of when to have children based on her campaign to remove Zia and possibly run for prime minister in the next election.

The match was arranged by the two families in the traditional manner, but Benazir said she had deliberately departed from tradition to keep the wedding simple.

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Benazir

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## INTERNATIONAL

Ugandan diplomats ordered to leave

## Kenya closes Libyan embassy

NAIROBI, Dec 18, (Reuters): Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi accused Uganda today of preparing for war and his foreign minister ordered Uganda's top two diplomats to leave the country and close the Libyan embassy.

Ugandan and Kenyan forces traded shots across the border for three days this week and the Nairobi press has alleged that Libya was helping Uganda in the conflict.

Foreign Minister Zachary Onyiah said Libya had grossly interfered in Kenya's internal affairs and Ugandan High Commissioner Charles Katungi had insulted President Daniel Arap Moi by accusing him of lying in a statement about the fighting.

Katungi and his deputy, Samson Bigombe, were given 24 hours to leave Kenya and the Libyan embassy, already depleted by the expulsion of six diplomats this year, must close immediately, Onyiah said.

## Action

A Western diplomat said the action against Libya amounted "to all intents and purposes to a break in relations."

In a speech today President Moi accused Uganda of preparing for war by digging trenches along the border.

"We have restrained ourselves up to now, but for how long are we going to restrain ourselves. Around Malaba and Busia (two border posts) they have dug trenches... when you dig trenches you are preparing for war," he added.

Moi did not refer to the expulsion in his speech to Njoro, central Kenya, but denied Kenya was harbouring Ugandan rebels, in Uganda's view a main cause of friction.

The Kenyan-Ugandan border has been closed to vehicles since Kenyan police and the Ugandan government's National Resistance Army (NRA) began shooting at each other on Monday at Busia, a town of 40,000 people which straddles the border.

People living near the border said the situation had been quiet but tense since the shooting stopped on Wednesday.

Each side has said the other provoked the conflict, in which at least two NRA soldiers have died and three Kenyan policemen and several Kenyan civilians wounded.

Friday's expulsion orders were made in separate notes from Onyiah to Libyan Charge d'Affaires Ali Shaahao and Katungi.

## Incredible

The statement to Shaahao said, "since the embassy has not been performing the duties of enhancing relations between the two countries, the government of Kenya has decided that the embassy of Libya should immediately be closed."

The note to Katungi said the high commissioner had issued a press release on Wednesday including what it called an incredible insult to President Moi.

Death toll in ten days of unrest rises to 17

## Israelis kill 3 in renewed Gaza protests

TEL AVIV, Dec 18, (Agencies): Israeli troops shot dead three more Palestinian demonstrators today as widespread rioting again swept the occupied Gaza Strip, dashing government hopes that the unrest had subsided.

An Army spokeswoman said two protesters were shot dead to clashes with troops in Gaza's Shajia district and another was killed by Army gunfire in the Bureij refugee camp in the centre of the strip.

At least six people were wounded, she said. The killings brought the death toll in 10 days of unrest in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to at least 17.

## Slogans

"The clashes began when the people came out of the mosques from Friday prayers, carrying Palestinian flags and chanting slogans, and confronted soldiers," an eyewitness said.

The Palestine Press Service, said the worst fighting broke out in Shajia after soldiers fired tear gas into a mosque.

Israeli leaders have responded defiantly to world condemnation of the use of live ammunition against demonstrators armed with stones, metal debris and sometimes petrol bombs.

The Army says about 70 Palestinians have been wounded by gunfire in the latest wave of violence and more than 200 rioters are under arrest.

Palestinian organisations have claimed a higher death toll and Gaza lawyers say between 350 and 400 demonstrators have been arrested in the Gaza Strip since the unrest began.

One witness said demonstrators today attacked the Israeli military headquarters in Gaza city and fought a pitched

battle with troops at the city's main hospital.

"I saw a crowd of marchers from the beach refugee camp throw stones and Molotov cocktails at the military headquarters and the soldiers fired tear gas," Gaza lawyer Raji Sourani said.

"The people have barricaded the entrances to Shifa Hospital. There are very large number of troops in the streets and military spotter planes are circling overhead," he said.

There were also clashes in Jerusalem, where border police fired tear gas at Palestinians who pelted them with stones in a demonstration after Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa mosque, Islam's third holiest site, on the Biblical Temple Mount.

Security forces set up roadblocks to stop residents of the occupied West Bank from entering Jerusalem for prayers.

Hundreds of police in riot gear massed in the old city to prevent demonstrators from marching on an apartment in the Muslim quarter occupied this week by Israel's controversial right-wing Trade Minister Ariel Sharon.

A petrol bomb was thrown overnight at the British consulate in Arab East Jerusalem following a similar attack on the US consulate there last Sunday.

Palestinian sources in the Gaza Strip also reported clashes between troops and demonstrators leaving mosques in the Bureij and Jahalya refugee camps and in Rafah, on the Egyptian border.

"The people were carrying Palestinian flags and chanting 'Allah-u-Akbar' (God is Great)," a witness said.

The Army declared the area around Shifa Hospital a closed military area and ordered out

journalists.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry has set up a crisis team to counter international criticism and adverse publicity surrounding Israel's policy in the occupied territories.

The team decided to send a message of explanation to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and set up special units in Israeli embassies overseas to deal with the international outcry.

Egypt again condemned Israel's use of force today and said Israeli actions could destroy Middle East peace efforts.

The United States, has joined the world condemnation of the deaths and injuries in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Amnesty International yesterday "urgently" called on Israel to investigate the killings of Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

## Omani gifts

stolen from UN

UNITED NATIONS, Dec 18 (AP): Thieves made off with priceless gold and silver treasures from a lounge at UN headquarters, officials said.

More than 24 hours passed before UN officials had fingerprints lifted from the pedestals where a pair of perfume bottles rested in solid gold and an antique silver urn had been displayed along with other treasures from the Middle East.

## Theft

Omani officials would not comment publicly on the theft disclosed yesterday. But they were said to be saddened and distressed at the loss of the gifts that their oil-rich sultanate gave the United Nations last year.

UN Security officials said the theft is under investigation.

## Successor offers economic reform

## Czech leader Husak quits

VIENNA, Dec 18, (Reuters): Veteran Czechoslovak leader Gustav Husak stepped down as Communist Party chief yesterday and his successor Milos Jakes promptly pledged economic reform and more democracy similar to that in the Soviet Union.

Husak's retirement was announced at a meeting of the party's central committee yesterday. He was first of a group of ageing protégés of late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev to leave the East European stage.

Western diplomats pondered whether his decline would trigger a domino effect on other East Bloc leaders of the same generation — especially Hungary's Janos Kadar, 75, and East Germany's Erich Honecker, 75.

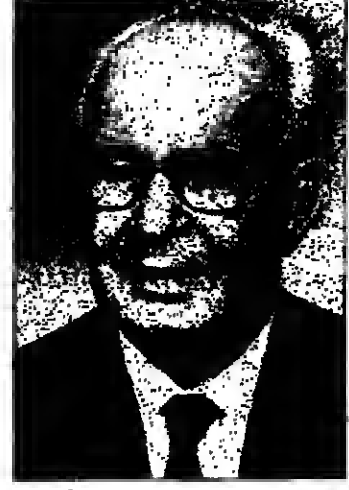
## Control

The diplomats said it was the first time a Communist Party leader had relinquished control while retaining a senior position in the party and state.

Husak, 74, will keep his largely ceremonial role as Czechoslovak President and retain his seat on the 11-man ruling party Presidium, the top policy-making body.

He was replaced by Milos Jakes, 65, the central committee secretary. Jakes supervised the purge of the party following the 1968 Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia which crushed the "Prague Spring" liberalisation era of Alexander Dubcek.

Western diplomats said that in recent months, Jakes had been cautiously moving towards a type of economic reform along the lines of Soviet party leader



Husak Mikhail Gorbachev, which Husak had appeared reluctant to follow.

One diplomat in Warsaw said he believed the Soviet Union had been pressing for the older East European leaders to leave the scene since Gorbachev came to power.

"It's been clear from the beginning that Gorbachev regards them as belonging to a quite different political era and as people with whom he is not quite comfortable," the diplomat said.

"My conclusion is that the new Soviet leadership decided how to manage all this some time ago and the process of change has been set in hand."

A diplomat in Sofia said it was quite justified to speculate about a domino effect, adding: "It had to start somewhere. How far it will go, we don't know."

Forced In January 1968, Czechoslovak party leader Antonin Novotny was forced to quit after two stormy central committee meetings and was succeeded by Dubcek.

He retained the presidency for just under two months but was forced to retire, the first communist statesman brought down by popular pressure.

In his first speech as party leader, Jakes told the committee, discussing new moves to boost Czechoslovakia's flagging economy: "Just as Soviet communists, we too must observe the principle that more democracy means more socialism."

But he warned that economic reforms did not mean more leeway for dissidents, saying: "Everything that is alien to socialism must be criticised."

## Yourcenar dies after stroke

BAR HARBOR, Maine, Dec 18, (Reuters): Historical novelist Marguerite Yourcenar, the first woman elected to France's leading literary academy the Academie Francaise, died of a US hospital last night of complications following a massive stroke, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Yourcenar, who was 84, died late last night according to E.J. Murley, night supervisor at Mount Desert Island Hospital in Maine, where the novelist has been hospitalised since her stroke six weeks ago.

"She died in her sleep, very peacefully," Murley said. Yourcenar had lived in America for the past 40 years and had taken out US nationality. She was a long-time resident of North East Harbor, a small summer resort community of about 1,000 residents on Mount Desert Island on the coast of Maine.

"She was well known in the community. People liked having a celebrity around," Murley said. A classicist whose best-known work was the novel "Memoirs of Adrien" (the fictionalised memoirs of the Roman emperor Hadrian) published in 1951.

In 1980 she was elected to the 40-member Academie Francaise. She had always regarded the academy with contempt and when the 52-year-old institution reversed tradition and opened its doors to a woman, she said she was only accepting out of politeness.

## Tanker carrying Kuwaiti oil hit

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which caused injuries or casualties, took to eight the number of Iranian attacks on shipping since Friday.

The Maltese-flagged Free Enterprise took on casualties in the Iraqi attack.

Lloyds first reported that Iraqi warplanes had fired missiles at the Enterprise. A spokesman for its operators in London, World Carrier Management, denied it had come under attack and said it only roared around. But other shipping officials said they believed it had been fired at and also was hit.

## Engaged

A spokesman for the Iranian armed forces said yesterday the United States had engaged in "electronic warfare" — jamming Iranian radar in order to protect Iraqi warplanes during attacks on tankers in Iranian service on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

This move by America is tantamount to that country's participation in the Iraqi war with Iran and as such it amounts to support for the Iraqi regime," the spokesman said.

Lloyds confirmed yesterday that Iraqi warplanes attacked the 289,776-ton Iranian supertanker Taftan in the northern Gulf on Wednesday morning.

## Terrorising

On Thursday, Iranian speedboats darting from Abu Musa twice attacked a sulphur-laden Maldives freighter, setting it ablaze in the first raid and terrorising the crew several hours later.

The Iranians also shot at a salvage tugboat and a media helicopter in the second raid.

A projectile fired by the Iranians in the first attack before dawn yesterday punched a hole in the hull of the 16,322-ton Island Transporter and started a fire, witnesses said.

## Violence erupts after Roh victory

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and foreign media for not declaring the election's fraud. A similar occupation last June was the focal point of massive anti-government protests that forced the direct election.

## Unable

Sporadic protests erupted for a second day in major cities across the country, but a wounded and divided opposition seemed unable to mount a concerted national effort to force nullification of Wednesday's balloting, which Roh won by nearly two million votes.

Opposition candidates Kim Dae Jung and Kim Young-Sam failed to appear at a meeting with dissident leaders to discuss future strategy and there were calls from some opposition supporters for the Kims to retire from politics.

## Charges

With final results tabulated, Roh won with 8.2 million votes. The combined total of the opposition vote was 12.4 million, leading to charges from opposition supporters that failure of the Kims to field a single candidate doomed chances of victory.

## Thousands rejoice as Benazir ...

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She had insisted that the groom's family should provide her with only two dresses, instead of up to 51 as is common in Pakistan. She had cut down on her jewellery and insisted that her family paid no dowry, another almost universal custom.

"Within the rituals of the marriage we have tried to simplify it, both from the point of view of time and expense," she said. "We have tried to make a personal statement that I hope will help both brides and families in Pakistan."

There was some bad feeling among the local press when only journalists from Western countries were admitted to the pre-wedding news conference. Even Pakistanis employed by foreign organisations were kept out.

Benazir rejected a suggestion from a journalist that she had given herself away by having an arranged marriage. Zardari had treated her very well and she had great respect for him, she said. "I was always told by my elders what comes after a marriage. What I have found for myself is that in an arranged marriage there is a mental commitment."

Resplendent in a white embroidered gown, her hands and feet bore patterns of henna from a traditional women-only ceremony the night before.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Ershad discusses economic plans

DHAKA, Dec 18, (Reuters): Bangladeshi President Hossain Mohammad Ershad met with senior officials on Thursday to discuss economic problems caused by more than a month of opposition protests against his rule, government sources said.

They said Ershad asked government officials to work harder to find solutions caused by 13 days of nationwide general strikes during an anti-government campaign which began on Nov 10. They gave no details.

Economists have warned that the opposition-led strikes to force Ershad's resignation would further damage Bangladesh's already fragile economy.

Opposition leaders said they planned new strikes next week. Officials said previous strikes had cost Bangladesh more than \$700 million in lost production and exports.

"This is almost a death blow for a country with annual exports worth only \$1 billion," an economist said.

## Concessions

"Ershad's ego is melting down gradually which reflects the initial victory of our movement. But no concessions other than his resignation will be enough to persuade the opposition to take part in future elections," the secretary-general of the Awami League party, Sajeda Chowdhury, told party workers.

The opposition eight-party alliance led by Awami League leader Sheikh Hasina said in a statement on Thursday: "We strongly reiterate our demands that Ershad must quit and transfer power to an independent caretaker government for ensuring honest balloting in the future polls."

The opposition charged that Ershad rigged parliamentary and presidential polls in 1986 to ensure victory for himself and his Jatiya Party.

Informed sources believed the concessions would lure opposition leaders, including Hasina and Begum Khaleda Zia, to talks on plans for fresh elections.

## Oldest Bangladeshi burned to death

DHAKA, Dec 18, (Reuters): Niljan Bibi, Bangladesh's oldest citizen at 120, was burned to death by unidentified attackers who set fire to her home, police said today.

They said the attack on Tuesday night might have been related to a land dispute between Bibi's son and other villagers in Char Kutub near Dhaka.

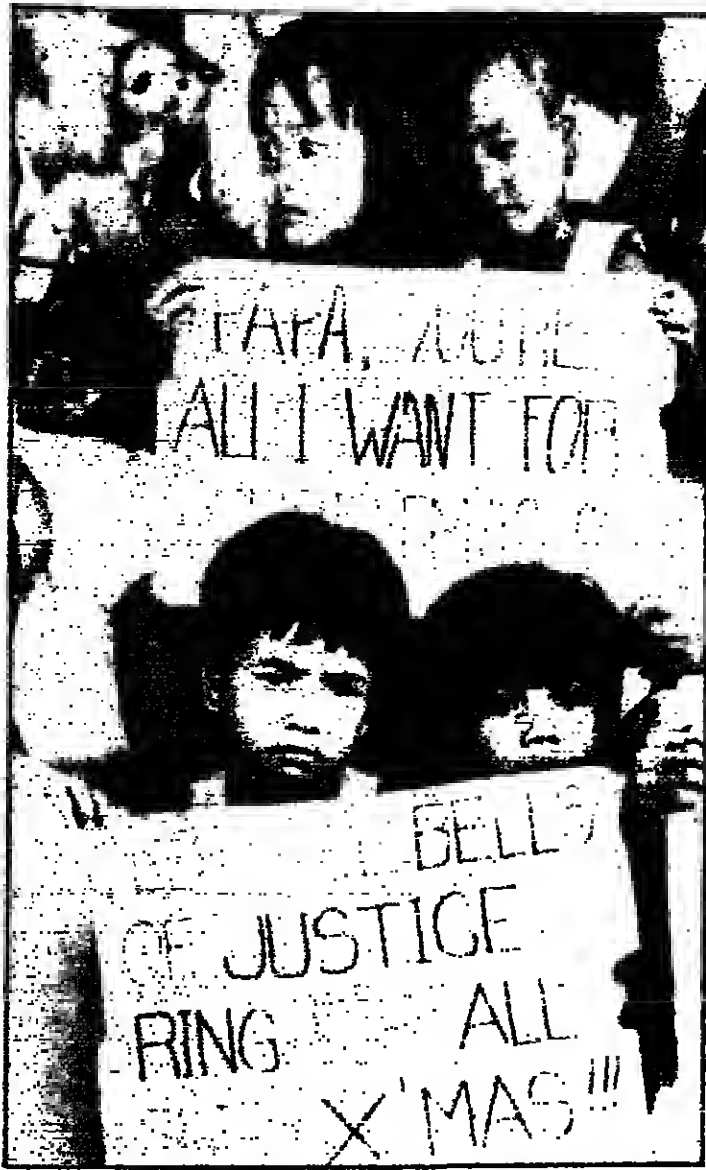
## 'Arms supply to Afghan rebels must stop'

## No war during Soviet pullout

ISLAMABAD, Dec 18, (Reuters): Soviet troops will halt all military operations from the first day of a phased withdrawal from Afghanistan, Soviet ambassador to Pakistan Abdurrahman Vezirov said on Thursday.

He said in a lecture the Kremlin had offered to pull out in 12 months or even less, but Western arms supplies to rebel guerrillas must halt completely from the start of that period. "From that moment, that date, the participation of the Soviet forces in military activities or operations will cease completely," he said.

The period of a Soviet withdrawal has been the main point of indirect negotiations between Pakistan, through which the rebels are supplied, and the Kabul government.



About 100 children of detained rebel soldiers picket outside the suburban constabulary headquarters demanding release of their fathers. (Reuters radiophoto)

## Aquino sacks coup leader, 13 others

MANILA, Dec 18, (Reuters): President Corazon Aquino ordered the Army today to discharge Colonel Gregorio Honasan and 13 other officers who led a coup attempt that nearly toppled her government four months ago.

Honasan, leader of the Aug 28 coup bid, and a lieutenant were captured on Dec 9 in a house in a Manila suburb. The other 12 are still at large.

Asked by reporters if she would consider granting Honasan an amnesty, Aquino said: "He has to face trial."

Many of about 2,000 rebel officers and soldiers were captured after bitter street fighting during the one-day coup attempt in which 53 people were killed and more than 300 wounded.

Ten officers and three sergeants surrendered weeks later and 100 soldiers are still on the run, military headquarters said.

Honasan, who has been detained on a naval ship

anchored in Manila Bay, told a Senate committee on Thursday the coup attempt was "a spontaneous collective decision."

Meanwhile, troops battled communist guerrillas at a rebel training camp north of Manila today.

Dozens of soldiers stationed in Manila were dispatched to help government troops in Zambales province, a military spokesman told reporters.

In the capital, the army announced it had uncovered a rebel plan to mount a fresh wave of attacks shortly after Christmas, the Manila Journal reported.

Confused feelings, put out by the communist-led National Democratic Front, were rejected earlier this week by armed forces chief General Fidel Ramos.

Earlier, the soldiers on Thursday recovered 10 bodies from a wrecked Philippines Airlines plane that crashed four days ago on Mindanao island.

## General Assembly approves resolution

## UN asks US to keep PLO office open

UNITED NATIONS, Dec 18, (AP): The General Assembly has approved a resolution calling on the United States not to close the Palestine Liberation Organisation office in New York.

The measure passed by a vote of 145-1 last night, with Israel casting the only negative vote. The United States abstained.

The resolution urged the United States to abide by its treaty obligations under an agreement to host UN headquarters. It also calls on UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to ensure compliance with the treaty.

According to the US State Department, the agreement says the United States must allow all UN missions to function. But Congress has moved to close the PLO mission, putting the State Department in what US Ambas-

sador Vernon Walters called a potentially awkward position.

The department recently closed the PLO's only other US office, an information centre in Washington. But it opposes closing the mission to the United Nations because of the treaty.

Walters told reporters that legislation ordering the closure of the PLO mission has not become law.

## Negotiations

"I think we can still discuss and negotiate with the Congress and talk it through," he said. "There are still some things we can do to try and find a way out of this."

The United Nations regards the PLO as the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and has made it an official observer of the General Assembly and participant in UN con-

ferences.

Hasan Rahman, a PLO spokesman, said closing his group's offices "pre-empt" any dialogue between the United States and the PLO and makes it impossible for Americans to get the PLO point of view.

## Defiance

The American Civil Liberties Union has mounted a legal challenge to the closure of the PLO Washington office. The case is on appeal.

The PLO deputy observer Riyadh Mansour told Kuna that he hoped the US administration will abide by the wish of the international community.

The only negative vote of Israel, he added, is a reflection of its total isolation and its complete defiance of international norms and agreements.

"If President Reagan is to sign this piece of legislation, which he might do at any moment, then the General Assembly will be reconvened to consider further measures so as to see the US comply with the provisions of the agreement," Mansour warned.

One of the possible requests from the reconvened session, he explained, would be to ask for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice.

Arab League envoy Clovis Maksoud said in a statement distributed here that the near-unanimous vote in the assembly "clearly shows how the whole world feels about the attempts to silence the PLO at the UN, to usurp its right to represent the Palestinian people at the foremost international forum and to violate US treaty obligations to the world organisation."

By their positive vote, Maksoud added, the 145 nations were also expressing their "outrage at the extent of Israeli influence on US policy, especially when these affect the rights of UN delegations."

Walters also gave a favourable rating to this year's General Assembly session, expected to adjourn within a few days, and said there had been less anti-US invective.

"Basically, it was a good year ... and was accompanied by less venom, let us say, as far as my country is concerned, than was the case previously," he told a news conference.

He tucked off what the United States regarded as favourable assembly votes on issues such as Afghanistan, Kampuchea and the credentials of the Israeli delegation.

## Pakistani convicted of plot to export N-metals

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 18, (AP): A Pakistani-born Canadian was convicted Thursday of conspiring to export to Pakistan two restricted metals used in nuclear weapons.

But the jury of seven men and five women acquitted the defendant, Arshad Pervez, of bribing a US customs agent to get an export licence for the restricted metals.

Pervez, 43, a resident of the Toronto suburb of Willowdale, faces a maximum prison term of 25 years, less than half the maximum he faced on conviction of the three bribery counts. US district judge James Giles set sentencing for Feb 10.

One juror, who preferred to remain anonymous, said the panel decided Pervez had been entrapped into paying the \$1,000 bribe.

Jeffrey Miller, the attorney who represented Pervez, said he had mixed feelings about the verdict but was pleased with the bribery acquittal.

## Conspiracy

Pervez was convicted of conspiracy to file false documents to get an export licence to ship Maraging 350 steel to Pakistan, for filing three false documents and for attempting to export Beryllium.

Maraging 350 steel is a strategic steel alloy needed to produce weapons-grade uranium. Beryllium is a metal used to boost the intensity of nuclear explosions.

On the phony licence, issued for the investigation by the customs official, Pervez said the metal would be used for turbines and compressors.

Pervez, who operated an import-export business, was charged with conspiring with Inam ul Haq, a retired Pakistani brigadier general, to export the restricted metals from October 1986 to July 10, when Pervez was arrested.

## Bomb kills two in W. Beirut

## Six die in battle with Israelis

BEIRUT, Dec 18, (AP): Israeli forces and their Lebanese militia allies killed six Arab commandos in South Lebanon on Thursday during a pre-dawn battle in the foothills of Mount Hermon, police said.

The families of kidnapped French diplomat Marcel Fontaine and Marcel Carton pleaded for their release from 1,000 days of captivity in Lebanon, a Beirut newspaper reported.

In West Beirut, a bomb exploded under a jeep in the Haret Hreik district, 150 metres away from a Syrian Army checkpoint.

Police said there were no casualties among the Syrian peacekeepers, but that two passersby were killed and two wounded.

In East Beirut, right-wing Christian groups called for a general strike to protest alleged mass arrests of Christian youths by

Syrian forces in north Lebanon.

A police spokesman said Israeli troops and their allies of the South Lebanon Army militia killed the six guerrillas.

The fighting began when guerrillas attacked a hilltop position manned by the SLA and Israeli troops in an area west of Hasbaya, a town to Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone," he said.

The Israelis, according to the Beirut-based spokesman, "pounded the attackers with Howitzers and tank cannons" in a 30-minute battle. He had no information on Israeli casualties.

In Jerusalem, the Israeli Army confirmed that six commandos were killed in a gun battle in south Lebanon early Thursday. He said the Israelis suffered no casualties.

The battle came two days after Israeli and SLA militiamen wounded two fighters of the

## Earthquake kills two in Japan

TOKYO, Dec 18, (Reuters): A strong earthquake jolted an extensive area of Japan on Thursday, killing at least two people and injuring 33 others, police said.

The earthquake, which registered 6.6 on the open-ended Richter scale, shook much of the main island of Honshu.

Hardest-hit was Chiba prefecture, east of Tokyo, where police reported two people killed, 43 injured and nine buildings destroyed or damaged.

Police said a 33-year-old housewife was crushed to death under a huge ornamental stone lantern and a 29-year-old woman was buried under a block wall. Another housewife was injured seriously as the wall fell.

In Tokyo, eight people were injured, including two carpenters who fell from a building under construction, a man who fell from a forklift truck and two elderly women who fell at home.

The tremor, one of the strongest to hit Japan this year, destroyed or damaged 16 buildings throughout Japan and triggered three landslides, police said.

## Indonesia

Meanwhile, a similar earthquake jolted Indonesia's tourist island of Bali today injuring 20 people, but causing no serious damage, the weather office said.

Supardjo, an official of the weather office, said the quake measured 5.8 on the open-ended Richter scale. He said it hit early this morning and was centred in the Indian Ocean, about 200 km south of the Bali capital of Denpasar.

Supardjo also said about 20 people suffered slight injuries during the quake.

In Taiwan, an earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale shook the southern part of the island today but there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties, the central weather bureau reported.

The Bureau said the quake was recorded shortly before 2 p.m. (0600 GMT) and its epicentre was 11 miles (17 km) southeast of Chinyai, a mountainous county 120 miles (195 km) south of Taipei.

## Mubarak to visit Washington

CAIRO, Dec 18, (Reuters): Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak will have talks with President Ronald Reagan in Washington late next month during a long-delayed visit to Cairo's main superpower ally, government sources said.

Mubarak last visited the United States in September 1985. Government sources said he shelved plans to go there last February because he was angry over the disclosure of US arms sales to Iran.

He said the US had lost credibility among Arab states which, like Egypt, support Iraq against Iran in the Gulf war.

Diplomats said Mubarak's scheduled Washington visit, for which dates were still being fixed, showed close ties between the US and Egypt — the second biggest recipient of American military and economic aid after Israel — had recovered from the Iranagate episode.

## Bhopal judge asks Carbide to pay \$270m relief

BHOPAL, Dec 18, (Reuters): An Indian judge told Union Carbide Corporation on Thursday to pay \$270 million to Bhopal poison gas leak victims while he decides who to blame for the world's worst industrial disaster.

The US multinational said the ruling for interim compensation amounted to awarding damages without a trial.

The Indian government is suing the company for \$3.3 billion damages over the Dec 3, 1984 leak of gas from a pesticides plant in this central Indian city which killed more than 2,500 people and injured 200,000 others.

Victims and relief workers demonstrating outside the courthouse cheered after Judge M W Deo told Union Carbide to pay the money to the court within two months.

## Outcome

Union Carbide reacted swiftly to the ruling which it said "amounts to awarding damages without a trial, a practice that runs counter to the laws of India and other democracies."

"Although we are deeply concerned for the victims, interim compensation has never been allowed where the evidence in dispute," Robert Berzok, director of corporate communications, said in a statement in New York.

Judge Deo, in a 17-page order, said the ruling would not

prejudice the outcome.

"Being interlocutory in nature, this order shall naturally be without prejudice to the rights and defences of the parties to the suit and the counter-claim that may be finally adjudicated," Deo said.

He said the money would be used for health care and creating jobs for the more than half a million people who have filed claims for damages.

"Attempts at an overall settlement appear to have bogged down in the din of diverse loud voices, leaving the poor gas victims pathetically past even the third anniversary of the unprecedented disaster to fight out legal battles," the judge said.

For that reason the court thought it "in the interest of justice and fair play" to bear the interim relief application.

The Indian government had earlier rejected Union Carbide's offer of \$1.5 million interim relief, and talks between the two on an out-of-court settlement broke down last month.

India filed homicide charges on Dec 1 against the company's former Warren Anderson and eight other former officials.

Carbide, based in Danbury, Connecticut, maintains sabotage by a disgruntled employee caused the disaster at the pesticides plant owned by its subsidiary Union Carbide India. India has ruled out sabotage.

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## Dates sent to non-existing company

TEN trailer truckloads of dates remained unloaded after two weeks at the Sulabiya customs area because the company that was supposed to receive their cargo and pay their wages does not exist.

The drivers said that the dates are supposed to be shipped to Dubai through Kuwaiti ports and that the Swiss Shipping Company, who had employed them, owed them about KD6,000. They added that some of the drivers had only one week residence visas and that they were unable to stay in hotels while they were here because hotels are not allowed to register anyone without a residence permit.

The drivers requested that they be allowed to unload the dates at the General Warehouses Company storage area or be allowed to sell the dates to compensate for their lost wages and expenses.

## No learner's driving licence for another year

BRIGADIER Fuad Musaed Al Saleh, the Director General of Kuwait's General Traffic Department and chairman of the driver's training board of directors, said that no official date had yet been set for issuing learning drivers application forms, but that it would definitely not be until the end of next year because of the extensive preparatory and administrative arrangements required.

He added that application forms would be distributed only to those hadly in need of being able to drive.

## Arrested

DETECTIVES have arrested two Pakistanis on a charge of possessing hashish.

The men have been referred to the relevant authorities.

## Arab League committee proposes closer scrutiny of information staff

AN Arab League ad hoc committee suggested on Thursday closer scrutiny of the professional qualifications of candidates to head the League's information bureaux abroad as a means of boosting the energy and effectiveness of Arab information on the international scene.

The committee, concluding three days of talks on ways of activating the Arab League's international information programmes, also recommended that Arab states should announce candidates with strong information background, knowledge of the Arab and international media and good command of at least one foreign language before any final appointments are made.

The panel blamed the shortcomings in the works of information offices on the drop in financial resources as a result of some Arab countries failing to settle their commitments to the Arab information fund.

**Coordination**  
The committee pointed out that dispatches from information bureaux to the league headquarters are quality disparate, often void of accurate analysis and tend to describe only local press coverage and neglect other media, particularly television and radio.

They proposed that bureau reports should be more analytic, serving as a barometer of local reaction to Arab events.

The committee said other



The final session of the Arab information committee meeting

means of co-ordinating information missions ranged from closed coordination with Arab friendship societies, chambers of commerce and other Arab institutions to the host country, to employing help of the local Arab communities.

**Publicity**  
It added that the information bureaux should consult with the council of Arab ambassadors to lay an annual information plan that would have to obtain the approval of the standing committee of Arab information.

The publicity work of the bureaux should not be confined to capital cities, and attention must also be given to big cities of political and informational influence, the conferees went on. The panel expressed belief that Arab friendship societies could play a key role in defusing Arab rights and causes.

Addressing the concluding session, Kuwait Information Under-secretary, Abdulaziz Jaafar expressed satisfaction at the outcome of the deliberations and pointed out that the Arab

oatioo was going through a new chapter in common Arab work following the successful conclusion of the Amman Arab summit of last month.

Jaafar noted that the current Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip is indicative of this new Arab struggle and collective work.

Also speaking, head of the standing Arab information committee, Salah Al Mukhtar, thanked the Kuwait leadership and government for hosting the committee's meetings.

## Concern over increase in water level

AN official source at Kuwait's Ministry of Electricity and Water said that a recent increase in the water level at the power generation plants was a source of concern to the ministry. He said that an immediate investigation is required to determine the reason for the increase and added that this was another problem similar to the leakage of underground water in basements. He said that the underground water leakage had affected even the new Palace of Justice building and that the ministry and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research had studied the problem and had made recommendations which are to be carried out.

## Social security lacks funds

THE chairman of the Social Security Committee, Rashed Al Abdullah Al Othman said that the committee is unable to fulfil its obligations because of inadequate finances and a low annual membership fee.

He added that the number of redundancies and the suspension of employment contributed to the poor financial condition of the social security scheme.

The committee held a meeting earlier, chaired by Al Othman, to discuss the Municipality and Kuwait Fire Department employees' social security. Ways of solving the financial problems of the system were also discussed.

## ROYAL COURT

### Amiri cable

HH the Amir has sent a cable of congratulation to King of Bhutan Jigme Singye Wangchuck on the occasion of his country's National Day.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Iran's future intentions

KUWAIT daily Al Rai Al Aam tried to cast light on Iranian future intentions toward the Gulf war by analysing three indicators of Iran's military and political acts within the last few days.

The Kuwaiti newspaper noted the first indicator is Iran's escalation of its attacks against tankers and merchant ships in the Gulf, and the second is the increasing threats by Rofsanjani against the Gulf countries in general and Kuwait in particular.

In completion of its game, the paper said, Iran circulated a number of reports related to Khomeini's health which represented the third indicator of Tehran's political behaviour.

These three indicators are in fact an open message that confirms Iran's insistence on continuing its aggressive policy toward the Gulf countries and their interests, the paper said, and singled out Rofsanjani's threats to attack the oil and industrial positions along the Gulf's western coast.

Tehran, the paper noted, invested the reports on Khomeini's health either to create a state of relaxation in the Gulf countries and in Iraq in particular, or to pave the way for a military attack.

Iranian leaders will continue leading their peoples to the war inferno so long as they reject to heed the voice of reason and respond to peace calls.

## Dali condemns Iranian attacks against Kuwait

DEMOCRATIC Yemen's Foreign Minister, Dr Abdel Aziz Al Dali on Thursday condemned Iranian attacks against Kuwait, affirming his country's support for Kuwait in protecting its soil and independence against any foreign aggression.

Al Dali said, in an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper, "we are against any attack on Kuwait and we have declared that we back Kuwait in defending its lands and independence against any external assault."

The Yemeni minister stressed that the foreign military presence in the Gulf waters creates tension and provides more chances for dangerous occurrences, demanding the withdrawal of all foreign fleets.

On the Iraq-Iran war, Al Dali pointed out that his country backs decisions reached by the Amman summit held last month that UN resolution 598 is the

framework to put an end to the hostilities in the region.

He said that Democratic Yemen-Iraoian ties "are not bad" and the same applies for Iraq, and "the same goes for our brothers in the Gulf."

Al Dali denied that his country rejects the idea of a union with the Yemeni Arab Republic, affirming, "there is no one capable of standing against a union which represents ambitions of Yemeni people in both parts."

He also denied that the presence of ex-Yemeni President Ali Nasser Mohammed in Sanaa will affect efforts to unify the two states.

As for the possibility of resuming full diplomatic relations with Cairo, the Yemeni official said that such a decision is up to the leaders of the two countries, noting that his country did not reject the Arab summit's resolution in this regard.

## Education programmes suggested to curb vandalism

A SYMPOSIUM, held from Dec 14 to 16, focused on means of curbing the misuse and vandalising of public property in Kuwait. The symposium stressed the need to take action against the destruction of public property because of the exposure it represented to the government and recommended that the media take an active role in encouraging responsible behaviour of residents regarding the use of public facilities.

It was suggested that special educational programmes be developed for use in the home and school. It was noted that values and attitudes toward public facilities are learned at home and that this was the most appropriate place to begin. Symposium participants also recommended that imams direct their attention to this matter and

teach the Islamic attitude at mosques toward public money and property.

The symposium, patronised by Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, was attended by the Undersecretary Lt. General Yousef Bader Al Khorafi, top ministry officials, a large number of government personnel and various scientific specialists.

## Saleh to visit UAE

ABU DHABI, Dec 18, (Kuna): President of the Yemen Arab Republic, Ali Abdullah Saleh, will arrive here next Sunday on a three-day state visit to the United Arab Emirates at the invitation of UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan.

During the visit, Saleh will hold talks with Sheikh Zayed on brotherly relations between the two countries and means of developing them in various fields. The situation in the Gulf region, developments in the Arab area and issues of mutual interest.

## Kuwait rally in support of Palestinian uprising

A LARGE number of Palestinians and Arabians in Kuwait participated in a three-hour sit-in at the PLO office in Kuwait to express their solidarity with the Palestinian revolution acts against the Zionists in occupied Arab territories.

A member of the Fateh Revolutionary Council Usman Abu Gharbiya, addressing the group, praised the Palestinians under Israeli occupation for their resistance to Zionists, adding that this re-awakening of Palestinians was evidence that the Palestinian people cannot be broken or defeated.

He said that the people in the Gaza Strip face Israeli tanks with stones and their bare hands and

that this fight has united the Palestinian groups against Israeli actions. Abu Gharbiya added that this recent movement should be supported by Arab governments.

He also called for an end to the Iraq-Iran war, which, he said, only benefitted the US and Israel.

### Struggle

The Advisor of the Arab League Secretary General Al Munsif Al Mai, speaking at the sit-in said that the Palestinian people had proven again that they were alive in their struggle and that the Palestinian issue is the main question of the Arab world. He said that the participants sent a cable to HH the Amir of Kuwait as Chairman of the Islamic Conference Council, to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd and to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat calling on them to support Palestinians in the occupied lands.

## Call to diversify agricultural production

DR Abdul Azeem Mohammed, the Economic Advisor of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources in Kuwait, speaking at a lecture organised by the Agricultural Engineering Society said that Kuwait should diversify its local agricultural production and conserve water by using modern irrigation systems in agricultural projects.

Dr Abdul Azeem said that agriculture is a vital issue in modern societies and that depending on imported agricultural products is unsatisfactory. He added that people should invest in agricultural projects because of their importance to society and food security.

## Somali minister ends UAE visit

ABU DHABI, Dec 18, (Kuna): Somali Minister of Information and National Guidance, Abdurashid Sheikh Ahmed today concludes his visit to the United Arab Emirates and will head to Kuwait on Saturday.

During the visit, the Somali minister conveyed a message to UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan from his Somali counterpart Mohammed Siad Barre on bilateral relations and means of boosting them.

He also held talks with UAE Information and Culture Minister Sheikh Ahmed Bin Hamed that covered relations between the two countries in the mass media fields and means of developing them, particularly in exchanging broadcast and television programmes.

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## Restrictions hinder tourism

By Abdul Karim Kazem

THE general director of the National Tourist and Travel Centre, Salam Ahmad, said that the tourist industry had become one of the vital industries in the world.

He added that governments relied a great deal on tourism to develop their economy and always sought ways to free tourism of restrictions, which hinders the industry.

He told the Seyassah newspaper that freedom for motorists to travel was important to tourism. He said that trip-tickets for cars were like passports and were necessary to enable cars to move from one country to another.

Formerly foreign countries issued such tickets through agents in different Arab countries for Arab countries.

Egypt was the first to realise the significance of these car clubs, and an Arab Car Club was established but had to close down due to competition from the foreign clubs.

Studies were then made on the matter and in 1982 the first Arab car club was formed with the name: National Tourist and Travel Centre. It issues trip tickets and international driving licences.

The administrative director, Mohammed Al Mouti, said the trip-tickets were for cars only and had no connection with the

passengers or goods carried by the cars.

The tickets were a temporary entry permit to a specific country.

He said that drivers should comply with the traffic laws of the countries they visited and had to pay any customs duty.

He said that unified insurance could be obtained and purchasers would not have to pay for damages caused by accidents.

He said that temporary Kuwaiti licences could be obtained by holders of international driving licences.

The Centre also arranged for sending cars by sea.

He said the Centre had a capital of over \$1,000,000.

## Fog shuts airports

BAHRAIN, Dec 18. (Reuters): Thick fog covered the western coast of the Gulf overnight bringing Doha airport in eastern Saudi Arabia to a standstill today and briefly disrupting flights at Abu Dhabi and Bahrain terminals.

"The airport is closed," an official at Doha airport said but refused to give more details. Bahrain international airport was shut from 0300 to 0600 GMT and at least two flights were diverted to Doha airport in nearby Qatar, officials said.

British Airways flight BA-145 from London to Bombay via Bahrain was diverted to Doha.

## Saudi Arabia denies report on joint force

RIYADH, Dec 18. (Kuna): A Saudi official military source has denied a press report that a Saudi military delegation had visited Cairo and held talks on offering \$100 million for a proposed Egyptian-Jordanian force.

The report was carried by the Lebanese Al Sayyad magazine which said that a three-man Saudi delegation had held talks with Egyptian officials that concentrated on joining the defence ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council in the board of the military production authority.

The magazine also claimed

that the Saudi delegation had expressed Riyadh's readiness to extend \$100 million for buying sophisticated military equipment for the Egyptian-Jordanian force.

The source said however, no wonder that the Saudi kingdom resumes its cooperation with Egypt in military, cultural, industrial and agricultural fields in service of the mutual interests of the two countries, but the source denied that a Saudi delegation had visited Cairo and that talks on subjects referred to by the magazine had taken place.

## Mellor lauds strong UK-Saudi relations

LONDON, Dec 18. (Kuna): British Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, David Mellor has described the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as Britain's most important trade partner after the United States and Europe.

Mellor, who arrives in Riyadh today, highlighted the existing strong relations between the kingdom and Britain.

Addressing a press conference in London last night, Mellor said his visit to the kingdom would provide him with the opportunity to discuss with the Saudi officials the Iraq-Iran war and the efforts being exerted by the UN to end it in the light of resolution 598.

Efforts should be exerted to prevent the escalation of the war, he added.

Mellor further deplored the Iranian aggression on Kuwait.

Contacts are under way between Britain and Kuwait in this

connection, he added. Meanwhile, Mellor expressed concern over the deteriorating situation in the occupied Arab territories and in particular in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We do condemn the violence exercised by the Israeli authorities," he stressed, while calling for a peaceful solution to the problems of the region.

Mellor, underlining the importance of the international peace conference in the Middle East, said the conference would pave the way for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict.

## Kennedy to visit Gulf

WASHINGTON, Dec 18. (AP): Senator Edward M. Kennedy will spend the Christmas holidays with US servicemen on duty in the Gulf, an aide said yesterday.

The Massachusetts Democrat is chairman of a Senate Armed Services Subcommittee that oversees responsibility for the US mission to protect oil tankers in the war-torn region.

Kennedy will leave this week-end and deliver a speech on US-Israeli relations Monday in Tel Aviv, said spokeswoman Melody Miller.

Aides declined to give other details of the trip, but said he would be in the Gulf on Christmas day, Dec 25.

## Security Council urged to take further measures to end war

UNITED NATIONS, Dec 18. (Kuna): The Arab League committee of seven on Iraq-Iran has urged the Security Council to assume its responsibilities and to take further measures to insure compliance with its call last July to end the Gulf war.

"It is time for the Security Council to consider seriously how to implement 'further measures' to ensure compliance with the resolution," Iraq's envoy Ismat Kittani told reporters following the committee's meeting with Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on Wednesday.

The committee's members are Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia and Yemen.

"We want the council to move to the second stage of considering what kind of sanctions everybody has in mind and feel that everyone's patience is coming to an end and something must be done at the council after the secretary-general reported to them last week," Kittani said.

The secretary-general indicated recently his efforts to end the war diplomatically have failed, and he called for "fresh and resolute impulses" by the council.

Kittani said he was pleased that "this business of 'let's give more time' is coming to an end."

Asked whether Iraq was concerned about the safety of ship-

ping in the Gulf, Kittani said "as long as the war continues ships will be hit, and in order to avoid that you have to end the war, not the other way around."

**Urgency**

In a related development, the committee met Tuesday with the council's current president, Aleksander Belonogov of the Soviet Union, and expressed to him "our need to expedite the process of implementing the council resolution."

The committee's co-ordinator, Arab League envoy Clovis Maksoud told Kuna following the meeting that Belonogov "shared with us the need and urgency of the implementation" and is now holding bilateral consultations on the subject in order to reconcile positions.

He said Belonogov promised the committee's members that "something will be done before Christmas."

Diplomats here expect the council to issue a presidential statement next week in which its members will express their determination to insure the implementation of the resolution "as a first step to future action."

As the Soviet envoy, Maksoud added, Belonogov hinted that his government might be against sanctions and considers the arms embargo, called for by the US "as one of the options" under discussion.

The committee also met Wednesday with the caucus of the

non-aligned countries in the council and urged them to unify and strengthen their position in order to speed up the process of implementing the resolution.

## Al Ali is dead



LONDON, Dec 18. (Kuna): The International Commissioner for Scouts in Kuwait, Ali Hassan Ali Ali, died of a heart attack in London today.

He had accompanied his wife to London last month when she came for treatment at a London hospital.

Al Ali, 59, was a pioneer of the scouting movement in Kuwait and was general supervisor for Scouts and Cubs at Kuwait's Education Ministry.

## Khomeini predicts he will die next year

PARIS, Dec 18. Iran's religious leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, has called himself the "absent imam" and had ordered the war with Iraq to continue until the second Islamic empire was established, it was revealed in Paris.

According to the daily Seyassah of Kuwait, Khomeini called on Shi'ites around the world to pledge allegiance to him as the 12th imam in the series of imams after the first imam, Ali Bin Abu Taleb.

Khomeini said in his testament that an angel informed him he would die in the coming Persian year, beginning in September 1988, adding that he expected to die two months after the start of the Persian year, probably in October or November 1988.

This was stated in Khomeini's amended will and testament which was deposited in the safe of the custody council presided over by Khomeini's appointed successor Montazeri.

The contents of the testament were leaked by sources of the Iranian opposition to higher authorities in the French government.

An opposition source affirmed in Paris that their sources in Iran saw the amended testament

and sent a copy to them. An Iranian opposition source from Paris gave the details of the testament to the Seyassah by telephone.

According to the source, Khomeini's testament considered as infidels all those who agreed to stop the war with Iraq — after Khomeini's departure — before establishment of the second Islamic empire.

**Empire**  
The testament defined the empire as extending to Egypt in the West and to the Gulf states, the Arab peninsula and the two Yemens in the south. The two Yemens would become the central Islamic province from which Islamic caravans would move. Egypt would be the second central province, and the testament called for mobilising the Muslim army from it to reconquer the Arab West and then cross Gibraltar to reconquer Spain, known in Arabic as Andalus.

Khomeini has asked his successor to read the testament in full to the Shi'ite followers who would come for his funeral.

The successor would announce that, in accordance with Shi'ite doctrine, it had been affirmed Khomeini was the expected imam of the Shi'ites and

they must therefore make pilgrimages to his grave on the anniversaries of his death.

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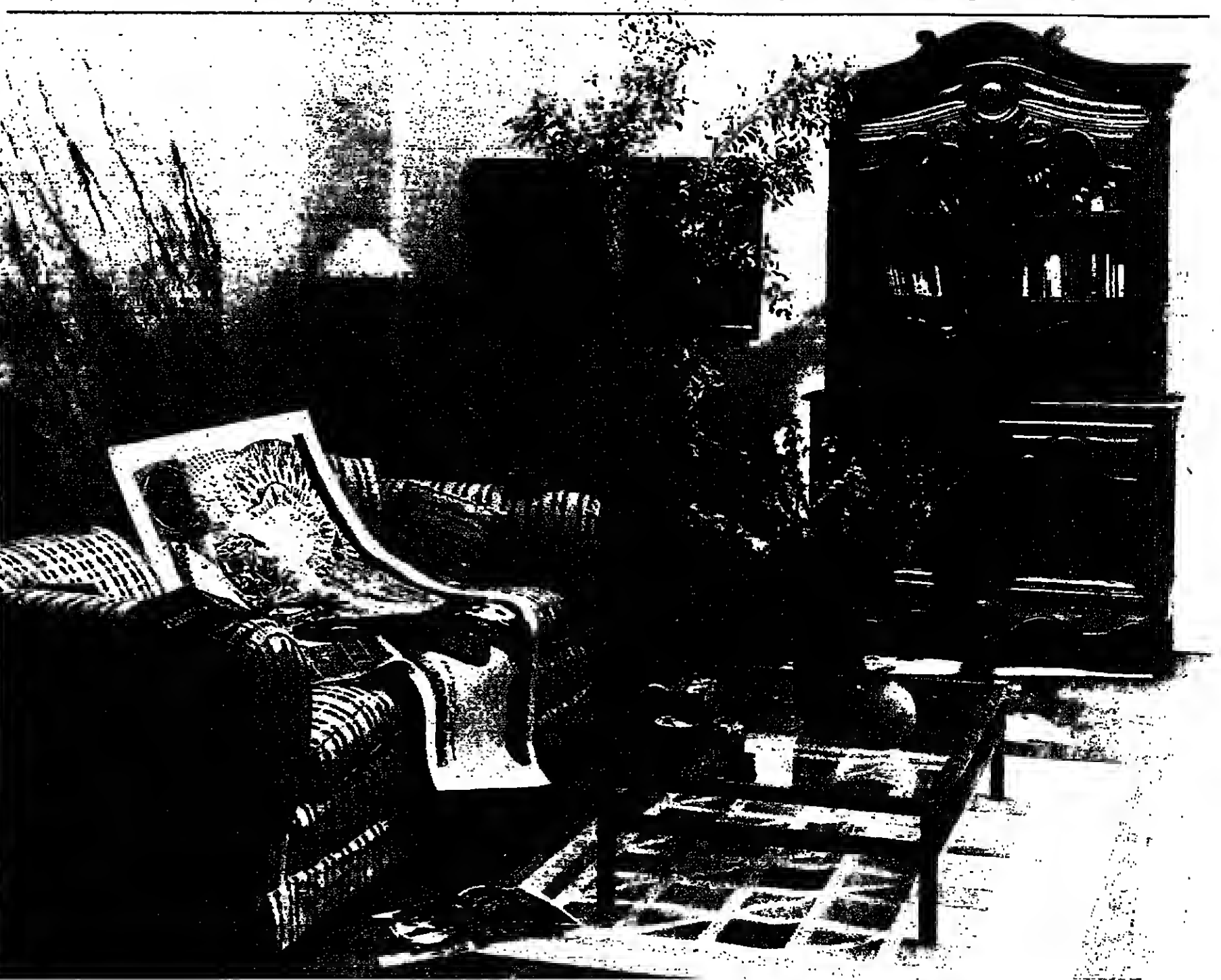
(This part was interpreted as a call to continue violence during the Muslim pilgrimage season).

In the amended testament, the election of a president for Iran after the death of Khomeini was cancelled. It said that this new post was made necessary by the conditions for establishing the second Islamic empire for which Khomeini laid down the foundation.

During his life Khomeini was the only guarantor for the fairness of the president and there was, therefore, no need after Khomeini's death to engage Muslims in something that might keep them away from jihad. Khomeini's successor would, therefore, also be the president.

The testament called for admitting Muslims from all over the world into the Iranian Army and for changing the Army's name to Army of Muslims.

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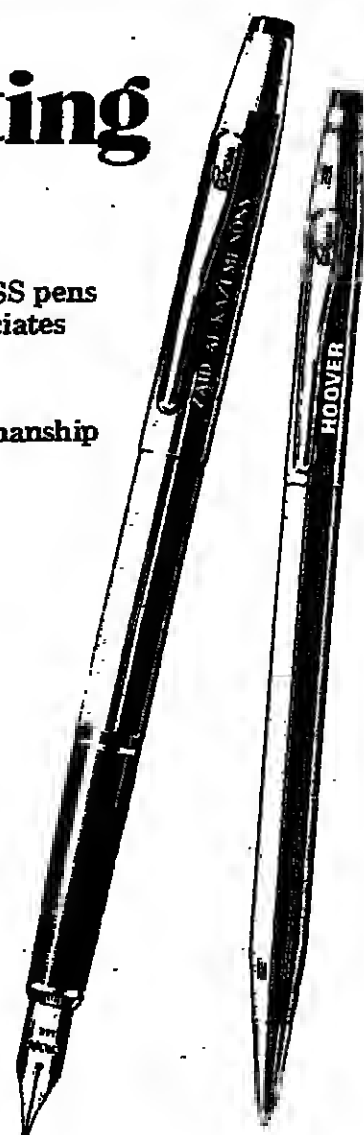
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## US presidential race

### Hart's re-entry stuns everyone

NEW YORK. (AP) Gary Hart, the presidential candidate who dropped out of the race seven months ago in a flurry of controversy only to rejoin it on Tuesday, faces a daunting task in reviving his campaign.

Pollsters say he must restore the confidence of voters whose faith in his leadership was shattered by last spring's scandal involving a beautiful, young model-actress from Miami named Dooce Rice. Hart is married.

"Hart is a flawed candidate," Andrew Kobut, president of the Gallup Organisation, a leading pollster in the United States, said Tuesday after Hart surprised the nation in announcing the rebirth of his candidacy. "A man can't run successfully for president when you have 43 per cent of the American public saying they have an unfavourable opinion of him."

While Hart quickly may regain his strongest supporters and emerge as the Democratic frontrunner, pollsters said, he still must overcome unfavourable opinions of his candidacy that rose dramatically after he withdrew in May.

"It doesn't matter that 20 per cent of the people still love you," said another poll-taker, Gordon S. Black. "As long as concern about your ability to be president is present, people aren't going to vote for you."

Hart was the clear-cut front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination when he quit the campaign. He returns to the fray at a time when the six previously declared Democratic candidates are struggling to generate national support.

Several national pollsters said they expected Hart to emerge with support around 20 per cent, the same as current Democratic frontrunner Jesse Jackson.

Because national polls early in the race chiefly measure name recognition, "Hart is certainly going to do better than the other candidates, other than Jackson," said Warren Mitovsky, chief of news polling for the CBS television network.

But the question is whether Hart can regain the broader support he once enjoyed.

"I would guess he is seriously damaged," Mitovsky said. In addition, Hart said Tuesday

he has no campaign funds, polls or staff. "I have something even better, I have the power of ideas. And I can govern this country," the candidate said.

Surveys, however, have indicated a deep division of feeling about Hart. The number of adults with unfavourable opinions of him rose from 17 per cent in April to 43 per cent in September in Gallup polls. His favourability rating fell from 72 per cent to 50 per cent in that period.

There is a substantial group, over a quarter of Democrats, who think Hart is not qualified to be president. And that could hurt him," said Kelly Hanley, a poll analyst for the ABC television network. "He's got to convince those people that he is qualified."

Hart re-entered the race, with his wife, Lee, on his side at the state Capitol in Concord, New Hampshire, saying, "let's let the people decide." New Hampshire is the site of the first statewide primary in the United States. Friday was the deadline for candidates to sign up for the Feb 16 primary.

Hart had been dogged by rumours of "womanizing" early in his campaign and had challenged reporters to follow him, saying they would be bored by what they found.

The Miami Herald stalked out his Washington townhouse overnight, while Mrs Hart was out of town, and uncovered his relationship with Rice.

Furore  
When asked later if he thought the furore would affect his renewed candidacy, Hart replied: "I don't think so. We're going to leave it up to the people."

Mrs Hart said the family was willing to endure the rigors of a campaign "because I believe in this country and its future. Whatever grief (they experience) is nothing compared to what is important."

Hart could get a boost from the fact that many Democratic voters remain undecided.

In September, pollster Burns W. Roper included Hart's name in a survey of likely Democratic voters in the 12 southern states, and Hart led with 26 per cent.

But that could have been an expression of dissatisfaction with the field and a desire for something different, rather than real support for Hart, Roper said.

## Beirut's Martyrs' Square in ruins

By Peter Smerdon

BEIRUT (Reuters) In the ruined heartland of Lebanon's capital, 17-year-old Elias put his US-made M-14 rifle to one side and squinted at the faded postcard of Beirut. He peered for several minutes before smiling.

"It's the Rivoli Cinema," the militiaman said quietly, awed by the postcard view of Martyrs' Square in 1960s peace-time Beirut, with its busy shops, open-air cafes, traffic jams and lush palm trees.

A full in one sector of the combat which has for so long racked his country gave Elias a chance to look around.

"And there it still is," he shouted triumphantly but mistakenly, pointing not at the now-charred picture palace at the other end of the square but at the shell-blasted Nadi Al Shark office building.

Elias, five-years-old when Lebanon's civil war started, could no longer recognise the landmarks of Martyrs' Square.

Fame  
Once the traditional centre of Lebanon's cosmopolitan life, the Ottoman-style square is now home only to rats, a few cats, fewer birds and young guards from the Christian Lebanese Forces (LF) militia.

But in the minds of many older residents, the square at the seaside end of the five-mile (eight-km) "Green Line" battle zone dividing Beirut since 1975, remains the heart and soul of their capital.

Elias never visited the Rivoli before stirrings of war cut short its screenings, closed bars, offices and brothers and blew out the glitzy neon advertising signs.

"It's fame was our greatness," said a former resident, who abandoned his barbers' shop in the square. "Thousands from all over the world came there. But

who would want to go there now?"

Named after 16 rebels against Ottoman rule who were hanged there on May 6, 1916, the square by day thrived as Beirut's business centre and each night as a famed rendezvous.

But then the war arrived. With Syrian troops and pro-Syrian Amal militiamen dug in on its southwest corner, it is now an arena for Muslim and Christian snipers even in a period of relative calm.

All six LF guards were finally needed to locate, with much shouted argument, where the downtown's wrecked landmarks lay.

"It's changed a lot, hasn't it," Elias said.

The colour postcards of the square remain on sale in a few Beirut shops because tourists vanished as fast as peace did.

The Rivoli still stands but, like all its neighbours, every inch of its facade has been pounded by the square's Lebanese Christian, Lebanese Muslim, Syrian and Palestinian conquerors.

The shops and cafes are dusty, shell-blasted caverns, the offices and hotels ransacked edifices, the road is smothered by barricades and the palms have been pruned to stumps by years of flying gun-fire.

Attack  
Still dominating the square is the graceful Ottoman-built gendarmarie, but it is a skeleton smashed by rocket and shell.

In front is a bronze bullet-riddled statue of a woman holding a flaming torch aloft as she shields a young man.

Behind the gendarmarie looms the Shareh Al Mutanabbi, the area's renowned brothel before the war, its verandah columns chipped away to breaking-point by attack and counter-attack.

## An appeal to King Fahd

# Economic cohesion of GCC should be strengthened

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

THE GCC summit, which is the only summit conference of Arabs that has been held regularly during the past eight years, will soon be held again. The summit has not only been held regularly, but has also achieved a lot in various aspects of cooperation among GCC member states.

This summit will be held in Saudi Arabia, at the invitation of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, one of the most important personalities involved in the evolution of the GCC. It was HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed and his brother King Fahd who, after seeing the state of disunity in the Arab world, conceived the idea of the GCC at an Arab summit about eight years ago.

All official statements indicate that there is an interest in establishing a unified economy to link GCC peoples. The Amir of Qatar once described this desire as "a path towards Gulf economic unity and the Amir of Bahrain said that it was a "link of popular interests". King Fahd, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques described the possibility of a unified economy as the beginning of "a unified political framework necessitated by the joint interest of the peoples in the region."

Important  
In a few days the eighth GCC Summit will be held in Riyadh, the capital of the largest Gulf country, Saudi Arabia. Kuwait's Amir has said that the Riyadh summit is "very important". We agree wholeheartedly with this and will add that the Riyadh summit has a special dimension because of the developments in the region and the fact that it is held in a big, important country.

But the size of the country, in terms of what can be accomplished, is not as important as the contribution of each member state towards cooperation. It is with this in mind that we direct our comments to Riyadh and King Fahd.

Everyone knows that this summit is important. GCC citizens insist that linking interests is an important factor and deserves a prompt decision. Linking popular interests should not be affected by the influence of a trading agent in one of the GCC states because his trade could be affected by encouraging local industry. GCC decisions should

not be impeded by the influence of a financial or economic establishment simply because its own interests do not enhance economic cooperation among GCC states.

Influential  
Saudi Arabia is an influential member of the GCC states. When initiative is shown by Saudi Arabia towards the implementation of economic ties among GCC states, it means that we have made progress towards strengthening relations and cohesion among GCC countries.

HH the Amir  
King Fahd, you will be the GCC chairman at the next meeting which will be held in your country in a few days and it is well known that there is a lot of discussion about the GCC's present status. Some say that GCC states have made important achievements over the past eight years, others say that these achievements were too slow in coming. We recognise that differences among GCC states have not created rifts or permanent disputes, which is a good sign and attests to the value of the GCC as

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Goal  
King Fahd, you have on many occasions stressed that the GCC has achieved many things and that even more can be accomplished. We want more achievements and we want them quickly. The kingdom is a huge market

with great opportunities available. Such is also the case in other GCC countries. When these are economically and industrially linked, and move in the international arena as one, they will become an important force and have more control and influence on import prices, thus helping the consumer. This cannot be accomplished unless trading freedom is granted to all GCC states without restrictions.

If this goal can be achieved, it will lead to the creation of large joint importing companies that cover the whole GCC market. If GCC states are linked at the industrial level, it will result in an industrial integration which will protect and supply local markets, and create giant Gulf industries that require sound financial conditions in some member states such as Bahrain, in which huge industries could be established and protected through customs and other means.

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## Toothpaste makers brush aside charges of racism

By William Kazer

HONG KONG. (Reuters) The makers of one of the most popular toothpastes in Asia are facing criticism they can't brush aside.

Darlie toothpaste has been battling tooth decay for over 60 years but its manufacturers are now considering a name change amid criticism from US church groups that their product is offensive to blacks.

Hong Kong-based Hawley and Hazel Chemical Company is testing a new name — Dakkie — for its familiar product, best known for the toothy smile of a black man on its packaging.

Criticism  
The image was inspired by the popular American singer Al Jolson, a white whose best-known performance was as a black minstrel. Perhaps to flatter him, perhaps as a marketing gimmick, founders of the company adopted it as their logo.

"They don't consider it racist. They believe it is not offensive in their region," said a spokesman for the company in Hong Kong. "It's a US issue."

But it is an issue that has forced the manufacturers to change their strategy.

Hawley and Hazel, founded in Shanghai and later moved to the British colony, had occasional problems with the name of its product in the past.

But it was not until Colgate-Palmolive of the United States bought 50 per cent interest in the company in 1985 that criticism threatened to take a bite out of profits.

The US-based Interfaith Centre on corporate responsibility, which monitors equal rights issues, has pressed Colgate-Palmolive to consider a change.

"Some of our members, religious institutional investors, already held shares at the time that concern was first raised about the name and the image of the Darlie toothpaste packaging which was supposed to portray Al Jolson in blackface," said Dara Demmings of the centre's Equality USA Programme. "It just looks like a black person in blackface."

The Interfaith Centre official said there had been progress on the issue and Colgate-Palmolive has been responsive to concerns.

But Colgate-Palmolive is moving cautiously because it does not want to jeopardise the only product of the Hong Kong firm — a toothpaste that has as much as 75 per cent of the Taiwan market and a substantial share of sales in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Hong Kong.

Changed  
The Chinese name, which literally means "black man toothpaste" has not been changed in the Singapore market test.

## Israeli soldiers fear for their lives

By Masha Hamilton

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) Tougher tactics used by Israeli soldiers who fear for their lives and Arab frustration over a stalled peace process have triggered an upsurge of bloody riots in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Demonstrations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which began Dec 8, have been some of the most violent and widespread in the last 10 years.

Lack of political progress in the Arab-Israeli conflict since the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty, fueling Palestinian discontent, said Ezer Weizman, a key negotiator in peace talks with Egypt.

"Anybody who thinks these protesters are only youths and that the violence will pass is making a big mistake," said Weizman, a member of the Centrist Labour Party.

"(The unrest) is a result of a failure to even try to find a political solution to the conflict. The Israeli government must call on Arab governments immediately to resume peace talks," he said on Israeli Radio.

Sparked  
But Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, leader of the right-wing Likud bloc, said the violence was sparked largely by Arab perceptions of Israeli weakness.

"Today we face a wave of defeatist reaction by Israelis who are tired," Shamir told the radio.

"They say that in order to satisfy some international conscience, we have to return to the suffocating 1967 (boundary) lines and that then peace will descend upon us."

Israeli and Palestinian observers alike agree Israeli troops have been tougher than usual in repressing daily demonstrations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which Israel occupied in the 1967 Middle East war.

But they disagree about the reasons for the new toughness.

"The Army has not been dispatched enough soldiers to stop the rioting," said Ariel Merari, a noted Israeli expert on terrorism from Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies.

"The result is the soldiers are pushed into a corner and don't feel secure enough when they are faced with tens or hundreds of rioters," Merari told the Associated Press. "Their response then tends to deteriorate. They open fire."

But Palestinians said the more brutal tactics were a matter of Army policy.

"After the successful hang-glider attack to the north, the military establishment has been seeking a way to reaffirm its credibility," said Elias Zananiri, managing editor of the weekly English-language Al Awdah magazine.

Attack  
He referred to a Nov 25 attack in which an Arab commando infiltrated northern Israel from Lebanon and killed six soldiers before being killed himself. The Army took legal steps against two soldiers it said had not acted properly and transferred a base commander.

Shamir, who blamed Syria for the attack, later said the supervisors had urged Israel not to strike back. Other officials said Americans didn't want an Israeli military action in Lebanon to disrupt the US-Soviet summit held in Washington earlier this month.



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## By John Owen-Davies

ANKARA. (Reuters) Backed by the credentials of the most open elections since its 1980 Army coup, Turkey is courting the early embrace of the European Economic Community (EEC) to cement its new-found democracy.

And it supports its suit with a warning that if Brussels spurs Ankara, the consequences could be bitter.

Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, returned to office last month, has made entry into the community a major goal to ensure Turkish stability in a volatile region.

And President Kenan Evren told the new parliament on Monday that Turkey believed it could provide the community with significant political, economic and cultural dimensions.

But Ankara's application last April stirred a hornets' nest of EEC objections over issues ranging from Turkey's human rights and democratic records to its Muslim identity.

Community commission president Jacques Delors has said that he personally does not favour Turkish membership on political and economic grounds.

Unaccepted  
Turkey, straddling Europe and Asia, is believed to be aiming for entry within six years. "Some people see entry by 2000 but we find this unacceptable," an official Turkish source said.

"If Europe rejects us it will have very serious implications difficult to foresee at present ... but big (development) projects would not go to Europeans, Arab capital would come in and we would turn more to Japan and China."

Rejection will also give additional power to fanatical powers in the region," he added.

Turkey, a member of the Nato alliance and an EEC associate since 1963, borders Iran, Iraq, the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Syria and EEC member Greece, with which it has been at odds.

Even told parliament that integration of secular Turkey would be the natural outcome of its westernisation efforts over the decades.

The EEC commission's Ankara

## Turkey sets early EEC entry target

ara bead, Johannes van Rij, told Reuters: "At the moment, we are very much concerned with putting order into our own home and have gigantic problems of our own to solve before we can think of extending the community."

The 12-nation bloc has unresolved problems with its budget, caused mainly by its agricultural policies, and is still coping with integrating new and relatively impoverished members, Spain and Portugal.

A senior Western diplomat said: "There is fairly little enthusiasm for even thinking about expanding the community. But nobody wants to drop Turkey because of the importance of its military (Nato) role and the need for economic stability."

Ozal said last month that Turkey, with a population of 52 million growing at 2.5 per cent a year, would join the community sooner than most people expected and play an important role, including a "bridge" between Europe and Middle East.

He told reporters that rejection could result in a "second Japan" — a highly industrialised nation with booming exports — on the community's doorstep, with a population that may reach 100 million.

With large numbers of Turkish workers already in the EEC, some community members fear a massive new inflow could further upset a delicate balance at a time of high unemployment.

These fears are heightened by 16 per cent unemployment in Turkey, where the average per capita income of some \$1,000 is below that in the poorest EEC member Portugal.

The EEC's northern European members do not want the balance to tip further to less-developed southern European states following the membership of Greece, Spain and Portugal.

Aware of the need for quick development, Ozal has freed the

economy and launched a big development programme, even in remote areas where lifestyles are more Asian than European. It has made Turkey a more attractive market for EEC firms seeking development and other contracts.

Turkish officials brush aside EEC fears that their country will be a financial burden and say its industry, including textiles, petrochemicals, iron and steel, will be competitive.

Commission officials had initial talks in Turkey last week prior to drawing up a report. Commission sources in Brussels say there is no time limit for the report's completion.

"Just because the Turkish government has formally asked, it is not a question of... becoming or not becoming a member," one commission source said. "It is going to be a very long process."

Relations between the community and Turkey, which broke off in 1980 military takeover, the third in 20 years, when Brussels froze the joint association. Political contacts resumed in September 1986.

Most political criticism of Turkey has come from the European parliament in Strasbourg, which recently acquired new powers that would allow it to reject Turkey's application.

The parliament called last month for two Turkish communists who had returned to Ankara to be freed from detention. Since then, they have been formally arrested.

Although communism has been banned in Turkey since 1924, Evren has indicated that Enro-communism may be accepted in time, in line with EEC countries.

Turkey sees neighbouring Greece as another major obstacle to its community membership drive. The two countries came to the brink of armed conflict over rights in the Aegean last March but there are signs now that a rapprochement is in the offing.

## Western navies impotent in the Gulf

# Tanker war reaches new heights

By James Foley

DUBAI. (Reuters) One of the largest US warships in the Gulf stood by on Thursday as Iranian Revolutionary Guards firing rocket grenades.

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On Saturday, the destroyer lifted 11 crewmen from the Greek tanker Pivov, set alight by Thursday's victim of Abu Musa Island, a Revolutionary Guards Navy base near Beirut.

Thursday's attacks by Iran followed a spate of Iraqi strikes on Iranian shipping over the past days. Tehran Radio on Thursday accused the US Navy in the Gulf of jamming Iran's coastal radar to help protect Iraqi planes when they raid ships along the Iranian coastline.

Shipping sources said three to five crewmen aboard the 27,244-tonne Cypriot bulk carrier Mini M were injured when it was hit by an Iraqi missile near Iran's Bushire port.

Another missile hit the 289,776-tonne Iranian tanker Taffan but damage was slight, and there were no injuries, the sources said.

The increased success of Iraqi attacks have sparked the Iranians, who operate a tit-for-tat retaliatory policy for every Iranian ship attacked, to hammer merchant vessels.

They cannot attack Iraqi tankers because Baghdad exports its oil by pipeline across Turkey and Saudi Arabia.

Attack  
So they go for ships associated with Iraq's two main supporters in the Gulf, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. The Island Transporter was carrying Saudi sulphur to India.



EVENTS

TV CORNER

Too many sports shows

MUCH to the disappointment of many TV viewers, sports is now getting top priority on KTV 2. Local football matches are shown time and again in addition to three permanent sports features — Big League Soccer, shifted from Fridays to Saturdays; ninety minutes of American Basketball at prime viewing time of 8.40 on Mondays and a three-hour action-packed Sports Studio on Fridays. This is just a bit too much for many viewers.

This week's movie bonanza starts with Kung Fu, a 1972 made-for-TV movie, is tonight's feature film on Channel 2. David Carradine, Barry Sullivan, Keith Carradine and Victor Sen Yung star in this tale of a young Buddhist monk who flees mainland China after he is accused of murder and comes to the American West.

Carradine resurrected the role 14 years later in Kungfu, the movie. One of the two versions will be shown by KTV.

Woody Allen plays a school in Tuesday's Cine Club movie The Front, directed by Martin Ritt in 1976. Allen is enlisted by blacklisted writers to put his name on their scripts during 1950s witch-hunt era, leading to various complications. Original script was by blacklisted Walter Bernstein. Martin Ritt, Herschel Bernardi, Zero Mostel and Joshua Shelly, who are featured in the film, were also blacklisted in real life. Many Cine Club viewers have complained about the absence of Hindi films in this programme. Cine Club presenter Farouk Abdul Aziz plans to show two Indian films — Genesis and Khandar, both Miral Sen, in the next season.

beginning in January. Movie entertainment concludes with Thursday's Late Night Movie Zandy's Bride. Swede Jan Torrell directs Gene Hackman and Liv Ullman in Zandy's Bride. Also known as For Better, For Worse, it tells the tepid tale of mailorder bride and her pioneer husband, played by Hackman, who treats his wife as a mere property until hardship teaches them mutual respect.

Two weeks ago, KTV 1 had announced the showing of a Hindi film, Mr. Natwarlal, on Friday afternoon. That week the film was, as usual, not shown. This week, the programmers have again listed the movie, scheduled for transmitting on Friday at 4 pm. If all goes well, you can see Amitabh Bachchan as Natwarlal with Rekha providing the romance.



Woody Allen stars in The Front.

This week on KTV 2



In a typical episode, Adderly is sent to baby-sit a deposed queen in Monday's episode.

- SUNDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
  - 6.10 Inspector Gadget: cartoon serial
  - 6.30 Not Another Science Show: "How Does Your Garden Grow." Too much water and fertilizer can kill plants. A look on plant care.
  - 7.00 Butterfly Island: "Prisoner of Silence." Charles is attacked by an unknown man while on his way on a mission.
  - 7.30 Understanding Islam: Religious programme
  - 8.00 News in English
  - 8.40 Dalton: Code of Vengeance: "The Last Holdout." As a reward for saving a labourer, Dalton is hired by a vegetable seller.
  - 9.40 Gone Fishing: fishing in New Zealand.
  - 10.30 Best-Seller: "The Fight Against Slavery." Part 2. In 1779, a slave trader Luke Collingwood, a ship's captain, ordered his men to throw overboard over 100 Africans. The case was brought to court, not as murder, but as an insurance claim.
  - 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown
- MONDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
  - 6.10 Paw Paws: "Tozen Termi-Nation." Cartoon
  - 6.30 The Animal Express: a visit to the aquarium in Miami.
  - 7.00 Roving Report: roundup of world news
  - 7.30 Webster: "Chained."

- Webster tries to break the curse of the "Chain Letters."
- 8.00 News in English
  - 8.40 American Basketball: Oddie in Paradise: a look at birds and wildlife in New Guinea.
  - 10.30 Adderly: "Adderly with Egeroll." Tonight Adderly's assignment is to protect a dethroned queen and her pets — dogs. Everything that can go wrong goes wrong before Adderly becomes a hero again.
  - 11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown
- TUESDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
  - 6.10 The Enchanted House: cartoons

- listed writers to put his name on their scripts during the 1950s witch-hunt era.
- WEDNESDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
  - 6.10 Mickey and Donald: cartoons
  - 6.30 Charles in Charge: "Another Saturday Night." Charles redefines his friendship with his girlfriend.
  - 7.00 Chronicle: "The Gold of Thracian." Documentary.
  - 8.00 News in English
  - 8.40 The Wizard: "Never Give Up." Drug pushers lake over an Indian village.
  - 9.30 The World We Live In: "Animal War, Animal Peace."
  - 10.00 Sledge Hammer: "Haven't Gun. Will travel." A group of burglars plan to steal Hammer's gun.
  - 10.30 Falcon Crest: "The Cradle Will Fall." Richard Channing plans a rescue operation to free his kidnapped infant son. Chase is taken prisoner in Oklahoma and Lance seeks his father's help to solve his marriage problems.
  - 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown
- THURSDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
  - 6.10 Voltron: "The Secret of the White Lion." Cartoons.

KTV 1 weekly highlights

- SUNDAY**
- 4.25 La Haba Illallah: historical serial. Starring: Yusuf, Sabaan, Raghad, Hala Fakher. Part 3.
  - 7.05 Al Kasshaf: "Al Nimr Al Haddari", hosted by Abdul Aziz Al Haddad.
  - 10.50 Dabrat Al Ahdath: Kamil Abdul Jalil discusses "Water Supply". Guests are Faisal Yusuf Al Munsif, Abdullah Mohammad Al Munsayes, Sadeq Ahmad Bu Hamad, Khalid Humoud Al Farhoud.
- MONDAY**
- 3.30 Hakim Al Aqzam: new cartoon serial
  - 5.30 Manna Anisa and Children: a weekly show for young viewers.
  - 7.30 Quran and Science: hosted by Dr. Ahmad Shawki Ibrahim.
  - 9.50 Ghaddan Tadaq Al Ahras: daily serial, starring Salab Saadani, Hina Tharwath, Mohammad Al Arabi.
  - 10.50 Qalb Min Zajaj: Part One. Starring: Huda Hussein, Jassim Nabhan, Ahmad Saleb, Aisha Ibrahim, Ibrahim Harbi. Drama.

for young viewers, teaching Arabic language. Ahmad Qawadi, Amal Al Dabbas and Tayseer Attiya appear in this half-hour show.

10.50 Bidoun Montage: a local show hosted by Mubarak Al Ameer. Guests are Ibrahim Al Shatti, director of Amiri Diwan; Dr. Latifa Al Rujaib, undersecretary, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.



Rekha co-stars in Natwarlal, Friday's Hindi film.

**WEDNESDAY**

- 7.05 With Students: a weekly programme on education, presented by the Ministry of Education. Today's contest is between the students of

**THURSDAY**

- 9.40 Walt Disney: English feature film for children.
- 12.00 Ali Al Zameeq: featuring Farouk Fishawi, Huda Sultan, Abu Bakr Ezzat and Laila Fawzi.
- 4.35 The Persuaders: English series starring Roger Moore and Tony Curtis.
- 7.30 Rahlat Fi Alam Majnoon: Arabic serial starring Samir Ghanim and Issad Yunis.



Roger Moore in The Persuaders, on Thursday.

Jeeb Al Shiyook and Rabiya Schools

10.05 Ayyam Aalib: weekly variety show featuring Sadoun Jaber, Ahmad Ghanem Ronzi, Amal Arafah, Marwan Adham.

**FRIDAY**

- 10.20 Children's Magazine: a show for children presented by children.
- 4.00 Hindi film: Mr. Natwarlal. Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Rekha.
- 7.45 A Seminar on Kuwait: Part One. Presented by the Education Ministry.
- 10.50 Liqa'a: Arabic play, starring Shweikar, Samah Anwar, Hussein Sharbini, Raja Al Jedawi. Directed by Raed Labib.

hold an alumni dinner at Regency Palace Hotel on Jan 3. The Arabic buffet will begin at 8 pm. For details phone Mrs. Suzy Jones — 5314568.

WHAT'S ON

**ARTS**

**Free Atelier**

Over 90 paintings by Palestinian artist Mohammad Bounhaq are on show at the Free Atelier Gallery, Arabian Gulf St. The show has been organised by the Kuwait Society for Formative Arts. Open daily from 8.30 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, until Dec. 22.

**Sultan Gallery**

"Exhibition of Prisse D'Avennes 'L'Art Arabe' (1877). open daily except Friday, 9 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, at the Sultan Gallery, Al Soor St.

SOCIAL

**Malayalee Drama**

Vishwabarathi Theatre, Abbasia, will present a Malayalee Drama, written by Thomas Percumpilly, on Dec 25, at the Indian Embassy auditorium.

**ASK Alumni Dinner**

Friends and graduates of the American School, Kuwait, will

FILMS

**Indian Film Festival**

Akaler Sandhanay (In Search of a Famine) will be shown at 7.30 pm tonight at the auditorium of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Its director Miral Sen will attend the opening to tonight's festival. Children are not admitted. The festival has been organised by the Cine Club.

HOTELS

**At the Holiday Inn**

Pastries, stallions and logs for the festive season and New Year are available at the Lobby Lounge. Lunch featuring seasonal food will be offered at the Coffee Shop, Al Dana and Al Andalus. For details contact the hotel.

**At the Sheraton**

At Hamba features a special buffet lunch on Dec 25. Hunt Room will offer lunch and dinner buffet and a la carte; music by the Paradise Trio. A selection of set menus will be offered for dinner on Dec 24 and 25. Le Tarbouche features special lunch and dinner buffets.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 2.15 Holy Quran
- 2.25 World News via Satellite
- 3.20 Hakim Al Aqzam: cartoon serial
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.05 Magazine D'Actualite
- 4.25 La Haba Illallah: historical serial. Starring: Abdullah Al Ghaith, Imaan Toqi, Ahmad Abdul Aziz, Ahmad Badr
- 5.30 Al Manahil: programme for children
- 6.00 Rahlat Istakshafiya: "Expeditions". Educational
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.05 Noor Al Islam: "The Rights of Man in Islam". Guests are Dr. Ismael Ibrahim Badawi, Dr. Mustafa Mohammad Arjawi. Hosted by Ahmed Abdul Qadir
- 7.35 Nazrat Alal Alam: documentary
- 7.45 Security and Citizens
- 8.20 Good Evening and Local News
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 10.05 Ghaddan Tadaq Al Ahras: daily serial featuring Salab Saadani, Hina Tharwath, Mohammad Al Arabi
- 11.00 Variety Show featuring the Music Festival



Tonight's feature film is Kung Fu, at 10.30 pm on KTV 2.

KTV 2

- 3.30 Holy Quran
- 3.40 Cartoons
- 4.00 13th Asian Boxing Championship: The opening of the boxing championship will be shown live from Kuwait Handball Federation Hall
- 5.10 A programme for young viewers
- 6.10 Thundercats: "Return to the Driller". Cartoon story for children

- 6.40 ALF: "Pennsylvania 6-500". Alf tells the US President to prevent a nuclear war.
- 7.10 Tomorrow-Today: computer education at schools; interview and reports on scientific advances.
- 7.35 Red Serge: "The School Ma'am". Lily teaches English to Red Indian children
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.45 Italian Soccer
- 9.40 Hunter: police thriller
- 10.30 Made-for-TV Movie: "Kung Fu".

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

- Morning**
- 08.00 Opening
  - 08.02 Songs and Music
  - 08.30 News
  - 08.40 Songs and Music
  - 08.45 Daily Programme
  - 09.00 Cultural Horizon
  - 09.30 Reggae Rock
  - 10.00 Our Press Today
  - 10.05 Songs and Music
  - 10.30 The Years of Pops
  - 11.00 News on the FM Service
  - Evening
  - 21.00 Opening
  - 21.02 Kuwait Our Beloved Homeland
  - 21.30 News
  - 21.45 Point of View
  - 21.55 Songs and Music
  - 22.00 Kuwait in a Week
  - 22.15 Rock On
  - 22.45 Daily Programme
  - 23.00 Strictly Romantic
  - 23.30 Amazing Facts
  - 24.00 Closedown.
- FM Services**
- 08.00-08.30 Easy listening
  - 08.30-09.00 News
  - 08.40-10.00 Easy listening
  - 10.00-10.30 Songs and Music
  - 10.30-13.00 Easy listening
  - 13.30-14.00 News
  - 13.40-14.00 Easy listening
  - 14.00-16.00 Classical music

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1902 Holy Quran
- 1910 Behtareen Qaul
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Jaizah
- 2000 News
- 2015 Aaj Ka Intikhab
- 2020 Songs
- 2035 Learning Arabic
- 2040 Dhaq
- 2100 Closedown.

BBC World Services

- 0800 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newsworld
- 30 Personal View
- 45 Recording of The Week
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 They Sold a Million
- 45 Nature Notebook
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review

- 15 Network UK
- 30 People and Politics
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Business Matters
- 0400 News
- 30 Here's Humph!
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Personal View
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 News
- 30 Meridian
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 15 The A-Z of the Weeklies
- 45 Network UK
- 0800 World News
- 09 Reflections
- 15 A Jolly Good Show
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
- 45 Personal View
- 1000 News Summary followed by Here's Humph!
- 15 Letter from America
- 30 People and Politics
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The A-Z of Hollywood
- 30 Meridian
- 1200 Radio Newsworld
- 15 Multitrack 3
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Network UK
- 45 Good Books

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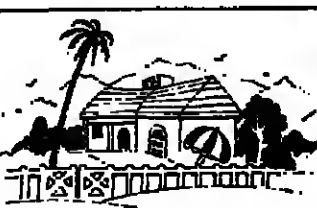
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FILE photo of a Soviet SS-20 intermediate range missile which appeared in Thursday's edition of Pravda. The SS-20 missiles are to be dismantled as part of the INF Treaty signed December 8 in Washington. (Reuters radiophoto)



RULING party presidential candidate Roh Tae Woo waves as he leaves his house this morning after victory in Wednesday's presidential election in South Korea. (Reuters radiophoto)



A DOWNCAST Michael Deaver (right), former top White House aide talks with reporters after being convicted on Wednesday of perjury. His attorney, Herbert Miller, stands by his side. (Reuters radiophoto)



COMMUTERS faced a long wait for trains in towns around Tokyo on Thursday when services were halted by a strong earthquake in central Japan. Picture right: A woman picks up bottles of Japanese sake thrown from shelves at a shop in Chiba, Japan, by the quake. (Reuters radiophoto)



CZECH Communist party leader, Gustav Husak (right) is seen in East Berlin on December 11 signing the Warsaw Pact agreement with INF treaty. Husak resigned on Thursday as party leader and was replaced by Milos Jakes. Also in the photo is Czech Foreign Minister Bohuslav Chmoupek (left). (Reuters radiophoto)



THIS combo shows the many faces of Gary Hart as he explains his reasons for returning to the presidential race during a news conference at Denver's Stapleton International Airport on Thursday. (Reuters radiophoto)



SUDAN'S Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi talks at a news conference in Amman. He said his government had held secret talks in London this month with representatives of the rebel army fighting in southern Sudan. He said only foreign interference was blocking peace. (Reuters radiophoto)



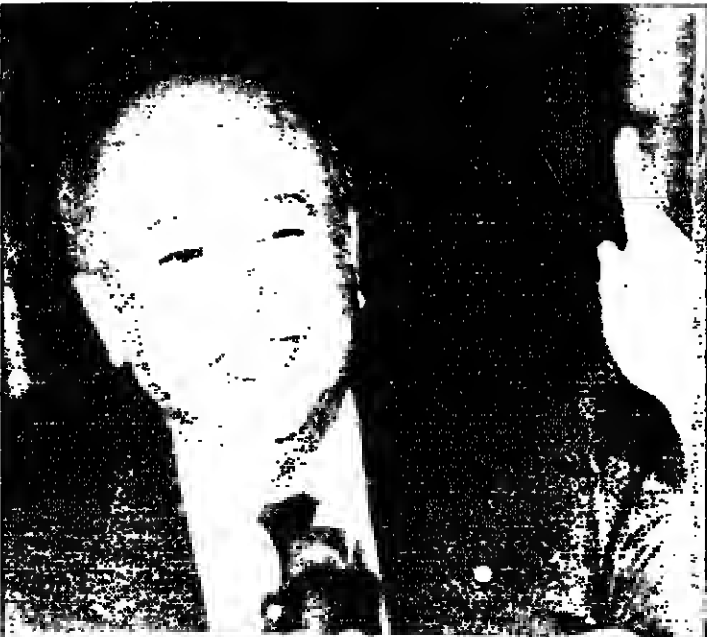
A RECENT photo of Luciano Liggio (left) and Michele Greco in the courthouse during the Mafia trial in Palermo, Sicily. The court sentenced Greco to life imprisonment for a murder, while Liggio was acquitted. Liggio still remains in jail for the murder of a Mafia rival, for which he was jailed in 1974. (Reuters radiophoto)



WEST GERMANY'S national soccer team midfielder Olaf Thon (right) falls as Argentine goalkeeper Nery Pumpido catches the ball preventing him from scoring, as Argentine midfielder Roberto Sensi is caught between them, during a friendly international match played in Buenos Aires on Wednesday. Argentina beat West Germany 1-0. (Reuters radiophoto)



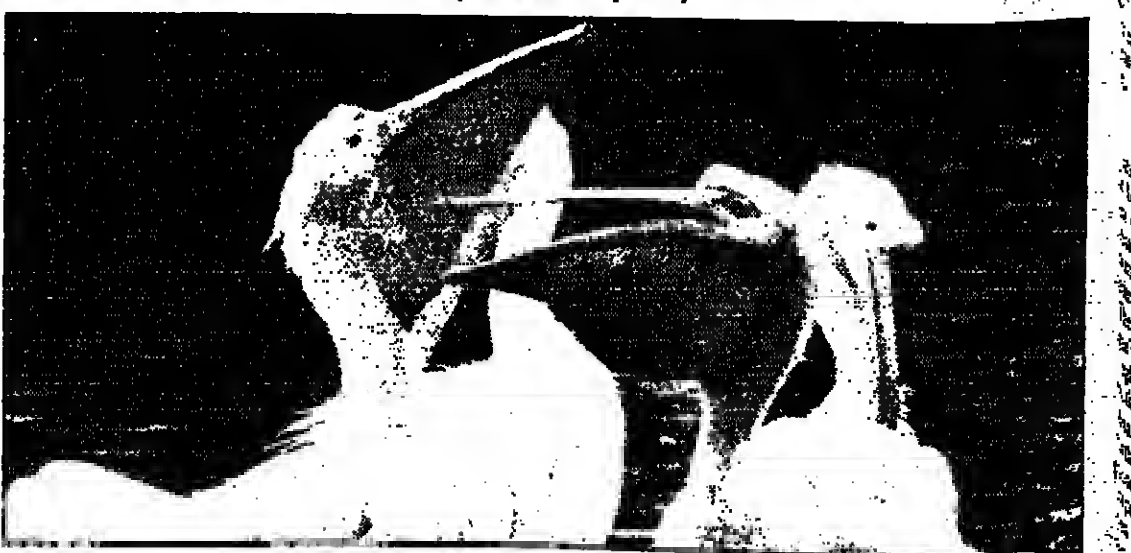
"PLAY your own summit and have fun" guarantees "Draetic Plastic" a Hamburg dealer for pop antiques that offers these two speaking puppets of Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev a week before Christmas. (Reuters radiophoto)



CHARLES SIN tells reporters he would not run the exchange as a dictator during his first press conference on Thursday after he took over the post as the Chairman of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong on Wednesday. (Reuters radiophoto)



PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein (right) receives Yasser Arafat (centre) in his office in Baghdad on Thursday. (Reuters radiophoto)



TWO of St James' Park pelicans chat it up near a lake in the park. Lord Stodart of the House of Lords said that the pelicans have not laid an egg since the time of James I and that the park relied more on the generosity of the Amir of Bahawalpur and the pelican breeders of Louisiana and Texas than it did on nature. (Reuters radiophoto)



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Kaufman to leave Salomon Brothers

NEW YORK, Dec 18, (Reuters): Henry Kaufman, the economist known as Dr Doom because of his gloomy, market-moving forecasts, will leave Salomon Brothers next year after 26 years, the leading investment banking house said on Wednesday.

Kaufman, 60, was a major influence on the financial markets, particularly during the late 1970s and early 1980s when high inflation and interest rates were great weights on the US economy.

"I hope some people will remember me for having recognised major structural changes in the marketplace over a period of time and what their significance has been," Kaufman told Reuters.

### Rise

His rise as a well-known pundit paralleled the growth of Salomon into the most powerful investment banking firm on Wall Street. Although his influence within his own firm waned last year as a shakeup removed him from the executive board, he dismissed rumours that he was eased out.

"All my partners and associates wanted me to stay," he said.

Although some economists and financial analysts say Kaufman has been slow to spot the market's big turns during the past five years, Kaufman himself said he is pleased with his record.

"When you span a whole period of time you have to recognise there are no perfects in anything, but I will leave my forecasting record to history," he said. "Personally I think I will find an element of satisfaction in it."

The Kaufman announcement came amid a quickening of top level personnel shifts on Wall Street in the aftermath of the October crash.

## Oman oil earnings rise

MUSCAT, Dec 18, (Reuters): Oman's oil sales earned 313 million rials (\$812 million) in the third quarter of the year, 82 per cent of its total export earnings and a rise of 32 million rials (\$83 million) from the second quarter, the Oman news agency said yesterday.

The non-Opec Gulf state has a self-imposed production limit of 565,000 barrels per day (bpd) and set a 1987 oil income target of 1.1 billion rials (\$2.9 billion). It has earned 861 million rials (\$2.2 billion) in the first nine months.

**Exports**  
Oman's total third quarter earnings from all exports were 382.2 million rials (\$993 million), up by 46.6 million rials (\$121 million) from the second quarter. Oil revenue was 281 million rials (\$730 million) in the April-June period.

Oman had a record 666 million rial (\$1.7 billion) budget deficit last year. The government forecasts a 275 million rial (\$714 million) deficit for 1987.

Planners expect the economy to grow at 2.5 per cent a year until the end of 1990.

## Government can weather stock market crash

# US economy booming in third quarter

WASHINGTON, Dec 18, (Reuters): The US economy grew at a robust annual rate of 4.3 per cent between July and September, the government said yesterday, bolstering confidence it could weather October's stock market collapse and keep expanding in 1988.

In its second and final revision of third-quarter Gross National Product (GNP) figures, the Commerce Department revised up its estimate of quarterly expansion from an earlier 4.1 per cent because of strong consumer and government spending.

### Strongest

Alleo Sinai, senior vice-president of Shearson Lehman Bros Inc in New York, said it was the strongest report on the economy in two years and predicted further growth at a 2.5 per cent to three per cent rate in the final three months.

"The economy was on a roll in the third quarter," Sinai said, "as of now, no full-fledged recession should be expected in 1988."

Sinai forecast real GNP

growth in 1988 of 2.2 per cent.

GNP, the measure of all goods and services produced, grew at rates of 4.4 per cent in the first quarter and 2.5 per cent in the second quarter, after adjusting for inflation.

The main reason for revising the third-quarter growth estimate up was stronger personal consumption spending than thought originally. Personal consumption spending, which accounts for about two-thirds of GNP, rose \$33.2 billion to \$253.7 billion in the third quarter and out by \$29.7 billion as estimated a month ago.

### Retrenchment

"This means a recession is unlikely next year unless there is a major retrenchment by consumers," said John Hagens, vice-president of Wafa Group. "And that does not appear to be happening."

Hagens said he expected economic expansion next year at a 2.3 per cent rate after discounting for

inflation.

During the economy's vigorous third-quarter growth, the trade performance worsened as imports outpaced the growth in exports more than forecast a month ago.

Exports went up \$22.6 billion to \$437.1 billion while imports increased \$28.4 billion to \$575.6 billion. As a consequence, the deficit on foreign trade between July and September was \$138.4 billion rather than the \$134.9 billion reported a month ago.

### Encouraged

But analysts were encouraged by the growth in exports, attributing it to a better US competitive position from a weaker dollar, and said part of the import increase occurred because of a temporary surge in imported oil that has now abated.

"This is a firm indication that the dollar's slide is benefiting our export industries and that business is expanding to meet the increased demand," said Richard Rahn, chief economist

for the US Chamber of Commerce.

Corporate profits also were swelled more than originally thought during the third quarter. Profits of US corporations, after six payments, rose a revised \$7.4 billion, or 5.5 per cent, between July and September to an annual rate of \$141.9 billion.

The profits gain was revised up from last month's estimate of 5.2 per cent and was stronger than the second-quarter increase of 4.3 per cent.

On Wednesday, the Commerce Department said US industry plans to increase spending on new plants and equipment in 1988 by 7.3 per cent after inflation to about \$420 billion. That would be about three times the estimated 1987 real increase of 2.3 per cent.

"Every one of these indicators that comes out since the crash calls out strength," Sinai said, "they keep raising the question is there going to be any impact on the economy from the crash and right now it's an open question."

Analysts are watching retail sales closely, especially during the Christmas shopping season, for any indication of weakness that could slow economic expansion. Retail sales were relatively weak in November, rising only 0.2 per cent to \$126 billion, but did not fall despite the stock market slump.

### Cautious

Hagens said there are increasing signs the economy can grow even if consumers become more cautious because the United States is garnering more foreign business.

"The consumer as a source of strength is being placed by rising exports and by capital goods (or business investment)," Hagens said, "so we could continue the expansion through 1988."

The total value of the goods and services produced within the US economy, stated in 1982 to discount for inflation, gained by \$40.6 billion between July and September to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$3.84 trillion.

## US firms to increase investment in new plant and equipment in 1988

# Governments sound bullish on global economy

LONDON, Dec 18, (Reuters): The financial crash of 87 has so far failed to do much damage to leading industrial economies, government officials said this week.

Yesterday brought optimistic statements from officials to Japan, West Germany and France to the effect that weak share prices and a dollar of historic lows, while not accelerating generally sluggish expansion, had not yet had a marked negative impact. Britain reported a new drop in unemployment.

### Planned

The US Commerce Department in Washington meanwhile said on Wednesday that American firms planned to increase investment in new plant and equipment in 1988 by 7.3 per cent, more than three times the

estimates 2.3 per cent rise this year.

"I'm a lot less worried about a recession next year than I was a month ago," said David Wyss, senior vice-president of Data Resources Inc, a US economic affairs consultancy.

Economists said the boost to investment plans suggested US industry was shrugging off the effect of the 508-point drop on Wall Street on "Black Monday" October 19.

### Surplus

Positive factors cited by analysts include a prospect of cheaper oil, after the Opec organisation's failure this week to reach more than a makeshift agreement on curbing its surplus production in 1988, and lower interest rates.

Many economists say high interest rates after the 1929 Wall

Street crash were a leading cause of the 1930s depression.

The Japanese government yesterday painted a rosy economic picture for 1988, seeing rapid growth in Japan and a falling trade surplus.

### Stock up

The United States has particularly urged Japan, and also West Germany, to export less and stoke up consumption so that they buy more of other nations' goods.

By taking up the slack in total demand as the United States struggles to cut its trade and budget deficits, they would help avert a global recession.

Japanese officials, who declined to be identified, said domestic demand, not exports, would be the driving force behind Japan's economy in 1988. A surge in economic activity

would push up imports while the government expected the economy to grow 3.3 per cent in the year starting next April, after rising 3.7 per cent this fiscal year.

The trade surplus is forecast to drop to \$81 billion in 1988/89, from 92 billion this year, the officials said.

### Buoyant

The West German Bundesbank (central bank) said in a report yesterday that post-crash markets were volatile. "But a series of factors argues in favour of the view that the negative effects on the West German economy will probably remain within bounds," it said.

In Paris, French Finance Minister Edouard Balladur said yesterday there was evidence France's economy was buoyant despite the stock market crash.

# Jordan airline clears debt with aircraft sales

AMMAN, Dec 18, (Reuters): Jordan's national airline is wiping off all its debts by aircraft sales and a lease-back deal to prepare for privatisation, its chairman said yesterday.

"Cash generated from aircraft sales and a full payment lease-back arrangement will be used to pay all our short-term and long-term debts and clear our balance-sheet," Royal Jordanian (RJ) chairman Ali Ghandour told Reuters.

### Uncommitted

"So we will have a surplus of cash and several lines and assets uncommitted. The investor will be buying an airline with no debts," he said in an interview.

Ghandour said RJ had signed a \$165-million deal with a consortium of Arab and foreign banks led by Banque Indosuez, Irving Trust Company and Bank Brussels Lambert to sell and lease back five of its eight Lockheed

Tristar jets.

Negotiations were in progress for the sale of two other Tristars, he added. He did not say to whom they would be sold.

### Privatisation

The sales and the lease-back deal, together with the sale of a Boeing 747 jumbo jet to British Caledonian Airways for \$64 million earlier this year, would raise enough to repay debts worth \$305 million, Ghandour said.

Royal Jordanian, celebrating its 24th birthday this week, will submit a final report on privatisation, including legal aspects, to the government in January, once outside auditors have approved a reassessment of the company's assets.

The timetable would depend partly on market conditions, but a maximum of 10 per cent of the

shares would be offered to company employees in the spring of 1987. Arab and foreign investors, as well as Jordanians, would eventually be invited to buy.

Ghandour forecast a 1987 operating profit of more than 1.7 million dinars (\$5.2 million), the first in four years.

Net profit might reach 15 million dinars (\$45.6 million), he said. The company made a net loss of 1.78 million dinars (\$4 million) in 1986.

He attributed the better performance partly to the airline's new strategy of giving top priority to customer service. The policy was adopted a year ago when the airline changed its name from Alia and gave itself a new grey, red and gold livery.

"The changes were a good message to our employees and our international clients. They turned the airline around,"

## Iraq, Jordan sign trade accord

AMMAN, Dec 18, (AP): A top-ranking Iraqi delegation left Jordan today after signing an agreement to increase trade to \$900 million next year.

The official Jordan News Agency reported the departure of the delegation, led by first Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, which took part in meetings of the joint Jordanian-Iraqi higher committee.

Ramadan and Jordanian Prime Minister Zaid Rifai yesterday signed minutes of the committee meetings calling for the increase in trade and for expanded cooperation in industrial ventures, agriculture, energy and transportation. Jordan is one of Iraq's staunchest Arab allies in its 7-year-old war against Iran.

Hundreds of trucks daily run to Baghdad from Jordan's Red Sea of Aqaba, which has served as Iraq's main port since its own were closed by fighting in the early days of the war.

## World Business Summary

# Kuwaitis invited to invest in Finland

FINLAND has invited Kuwaiti investors to take part in highly specialised technical fields such as metal engineering and telecommunications and explore other potentials of joint ventures in that country. In an exclusive interview with Kuna in Kuwait on Thursday a senior Finnish official said before his departure that Finland was a "highly developed country" and the potential for investment there "is very good". The deputy director general of the Finnish Foreign Ministry Alec Aalto, who signed here on Thursday a protocol between Kuwait and his country on economic, industrial and technical cooperation, said that besides promoting trade between these two friendly countries, his government was looking forward to Kuwaiti investments in sophisticated industrial fields to the best advantage of both sides.

He said he held wide-ranging talks with Kuwaiti officials on commercial and industrial cooperation between the two countries and added that the protocol signed here, although touched upon these matters but it was upon the Kuwaiti industrialists and investors to put substance into it.

Aalto, who had arrived here on Monday after concluding similar tour to the UAE, said that Kuwait has presented to his country a draft agreement for cooperation in the field of transportation which his government was actively considering.

He expressed optimism over the prospects of further promoting trade between his country and Kuwait. He said the fourth meeting of officials and businessmen from Kuwait and Finland is due to take place in Helsinki in near future to discuss a wide range of issues relating to bilateral economic cooperation between the two countries.

# Bonn little affected by stock market crash

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Dec 18, (Reuters): October's stock market crash and a recent 11 per cent drop in the value of the dollar have had little effect so far on the West German economy, the Bundesbank said yesterday. The Central Bank's latest monthly report said it was still difficult to judge the effects of the turmoil and that financial markets remained nervous.

"But a series of factors argues in favour of the view that the negative effects on the West German economy will probably remain within bounds," it said. The West German economy is Western Europe's biggest. Economists say that its health and accelerated expansion are important if the financial crash of 1987 is not to herald a global slump. The Bundesbank also said that economic developments in other countries, not least the United States, had also turned out more positive than was at first feared after the crash.

"As far as private consumption, the most important support of domestic demand, is concerned, these events scarcely give any reason to expect a noticeable restriction of the (West German) growth that had originally been expected," it said.

# Norway faces problems with next year's budget

OSLO, Dec 18, (Reuters): Norway's government has voted approval for a high-spending 1988 budget, but with warnings from economists that it could lead to a large deficit.

The Storting, Norway's parliament, approved the budget on Thursday night after long and heated debate.

"There's a storm brewing," Anders Tollerud, finance spokesman for the main opposition Conservative Party, told parliament on Thursday night. "This budget you have voted through is not suited to meet the challenges and problems we face."

"The package didn't cut spending by nearly enough when it was presented in October," Stein Brønn, a securities analyst at Oslo Finans, told Reuters. "Now all the government's assumptions about the oil price and wages make the whole thing look even more unrealistic. They will have to reassess it next year." Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland's government had expected an oil price of just over \$18 a barrel next year — a vital source of income for Norway, Europe's biggest oil producer after the Soviet Union and Britain.

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## Japanese still interested in US property, says study

# Analysts see higher economic growth for Japan

TOKYO, Dec 18, (Reuters): Japan's economy is expected to grow rapidly next year but the country will remain saddled with a huge trade surplus likely to rile its allies, economists surveyed by Reuters said today.

"The economy is now poised for a full-fledged expansion domestically, because more companies are beginning to focus on the potential size of home markets," said Toru Nakakita, a senior economist at the Research Institute on the National Economy.

### Urging

That should be good news for the United States, which has been urging Japan to turn its attention away from exports towards supplying its domestic market.

The shift would help cut Japan's trade surplus but not by enough to satisfy its trade partners, the economists said.

Analysts said economic growth will boom next year because of expansionary government policies, stepped-up spending on plant and equipment by Japanese companies and continued strong consumer demand.

Nakakita expects the economy to grow a rosy 4.3 per cent in the fiscal year beginning next April. Forecasts of eight other

private institutions range between 3.2 and 4.2 per cent.

Though the government has not yet released its own forecast for growth next year, economists said it will probably be around 3.7 per cent to 3.8 per cent.

This compares with the government's 3.5 per cent estimate for the current fiscal year ending next March.

### Lowest

Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank, which predicts 3.2 per cent growth, the lowest among those surveyed, said the economy is now well positioned to attain a steady, domestically-generated growth next year.

"The reason why we come up with the relatively low growth rate is that we are seeing slightly bigger imports than others," said Kosaku Furuta, chief economist at Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank.

The bank estimates imports will increase by eight per cent in fiscal 1988, compared with the average six per cent growth forecast by others.

The surge in growth will not result in a substantial decline in Japan's huge current account surplus, which measures trade in goods and services, economists said.

The research institute on the national economy estimates

Japan's current account surplus will drop only by \$5.3 billion in fiscal 1988 to 77.3 billion.

The trade surplus, which only measures trade in goods, will show a \$17 billion decline, to 78.2 billion, it said.

Meanwhile, a semi-governmental research institute today in Tokyo said Asia's newly industrialising countries will suffer economic slowdown next year as they come under mounting US pressure to cut their trade surpluses.

Japan's Institute of Developing Economies said the countries would also be hurt by an expected economic slowdown in the United States, the main market for their exports.

### Snapped

"The US economy, on which the exports of this region largely depend, is expected to slow down somewhat, and ... the United States will increase pressure for appreciation of their currencies," the institute said in a report.

America, saddled with a huge trade deficit, has accused the Asian nations of deliberately holding down the value of their currencies to increase the competitiveness of their products in the US market.

If they bow to the US pressure,

the newly-industrialising nations will find it harder to export to America, a development which will cut down on their overall economic growth.

The institute said Thailand's economic growth would slow to 5.5 per cent in 1988, from 5.7 per cent this year. Singapore's to 6.3 per cent, from eight, South Korea's to 8.6 from 12.3, and Taiwan's to 7.3 from 10.1.

The Philippines snapped out of a three-year economic stagnation in 1987 thanks to increased government spending, it said. The country is expected to register growth of 4.9 per cent this year and 4.5 per cent in 1988.

The institute forecast that growth in both Indonesia and Malaysia would pick up to 3.4 per cent next year, helped by stable prices for their commodity exports. Indonesia's economy is expected to expand 3.2 per cent this year and Malaysia's, 2.8 per cent, it said.

Major Japanese investors remain keenly interested in acquiring office buildings and other properties in the United States despite the recent stock market crash, according to a survey released yesterday.

The study, conducted both before and after the "Black Monday" crash of October 19 and commissioned by a US property



## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

**LONDON**

(Alpha Stocks)	
NAME	LAST
ABBEY LFE	225/0
ALD LYONS	350/0
AMSTRAD	113/0
ARGTLL GP	98/0
ASDA MFI	166/0
A S FOODS	303/6
BPP PP	281/0
BTR	29/0
BAT INDS	444/0
BARCLAYS	439/0
BASS	818/4
BEAZER	170/0
BECNACHS	462/0
BET CORP	220/6
SIC PLC	317/0
BLUE ARROW	95/0
BLUE CLIRC	325/0
BOOTS GP	385/0
BCO SC	240/0
BPB INDS	250/0
BR COM	321/0
BR AIRWAY	137/0
BR AEROSP	151/0
BR GAS BP	124/0
B.P.	237/0
B.P. NEW	71/0
BR TELCOM	222/4
BRITTOIL	420/0
BRT	175/0
BURMAN	420/0
BURTON	225/0
CABLESWR	236/4
CADBURY	325/0
COATS VVY	300/0
CONC UNIT	562/0
CONS GOLD	905/0
COOKSONS	522/0
COURTAULD	349/0
DALGETTY	293/4
DEE CP	228/0
DIXONS	195/0
ENG CHINA	397/0
ENTER OIL	265/0
FERRANTI	85/0
FISONS	250/0
GEM ACCJO	853/0
GEM ELEC	160/0
GLAXO	000/0
GRANADA	288/0
GLOBE	130/0
GRAND MET	429/0
GUS A	105/0
GUARD RYL	867/0
GKN	310/0
GUTHRISS	300/2
HAMPERS A	525/0
HANSON	135/0
HUKER DID	464/0
HAWLEY	103/0
HILLSDOWN	270/0
JAGUAR	340/0
LADBROKE	344/0
LAND SECS	477/0
LAPORTE	371/0
LASMO	265/0
LEGAL-GEN	263/0
LYODS BK	235/0
LONGRO	232/0
LUCAS IND	542/0
MAGNET	240/0
MARKS+SP	183/0
MAXWELL C	231/0
METAL BOX	197/0
MEPC	445/0
MIDLAND BK	372/0
NEXT	288/0
NTH FOODS	255/0
P & O DFD	300/0
PEARL	358/0
PEARSON	680/0
PILKINGTON	15. 70
PLESSEY	154/0
PRUDENTIAL	800/0
RACAL	237/0
RANK RVIS	302/0
RANK ORG	563/0
RECKITT+CO	789/0
RENLAND	400/0
RYL BK SC	304/0
RMC GRP	422/4
REUTERS	462/0
RTL CORP.	335/0
ROLLS ROY	119/0
ROTINHAM B	370/0
ROOMTREE	435/0
ROYAL INS	395/0
SAATCHI	440/0
SAINSBURY	223/0
SCOT+NEW	226/0
SEARS	218/0
SEAGRAM/CX	126/4
SHELL	985/0
SMITH-MEPH	100/0
STD.CHART	490/0
STC	235/0
STORESH	268/0
SUN ALLIA	286/0
TARMAC	725/0
TATELYLE	235/0
TESCO	156/0
THORN EM	542/0
TRAF HSE	321/0
TSB	108/0
T + N	180/0
TRUTHSHIP	230/0
ULTRAMAR	172/0
UNILEVER	520/0
UNIGATE	287/0
UTO BISCI	253/0
UTD WUSRP	422/0
WELLCOME	382/0
WHITBD IN	287/0
WILLIS FB	262/0
WOOLWORTH	245/0

## LONDON

BATS STOCKS			
NAME	CLOSE	OPEN	
AMP. B. ELECT	314.0	315.0	
ARMSTRONG	127.0	125.0	
ARMSTRONG	116.0	116.0	
ARMSTRONG	303.0	304.0	
ARMSTRONG	430.0	428.0	
ARMSTRONG	97.0	98.0	
ARMSTRONG	266.0	266.0	
ARMSTRONG	138.0	136.0	
ARMSTRONG	157.0	155.0	
ARMSTRONG	737.0	730.0	
ARMSTRONG	115.0	114.0	
ARMSTRONG	62.0	62.0	
ARMSTRONG	132.0	131.0	
ARMSTRONG	300.0	297.0	
ARMSTRONG	109.0	107.0	
ARMSTRONG	430.0	430.0	
ARMSTRONG	31.0	308.0	
ARMSTRONG	72.0	71.0	
ARMSTRONG	328.0	325.0	
ARMSTRONG	335.0	328.0	
ARMSTRONG	92.0	91.0	
ARMSTRONG	139.0	136.0	
ARMSTRONG	356.0	353.0	
ARMSTRONG	275.0	270.0	
ARMSTRONG	118.0	117.0	
ARMSTRONG	230.0	228.0	
ARMSTRONG	182.0	181.0	
ARMSTRONG	61.0	62.0	
ARMSTRONG	144.0	142.0	
ARMSTRONG	67.0	66.0	
ARMSTRONG	369.0	370.0	
ARMSTRONG	63.0	63.0	
ARMSTRONG	504.0	504.0	
ARMSTRONG	153.0	150.0	
ARMSTRONG	183.0	181.0	
ARMSTRONG	137.0	136.0	
ARMSTRONG	179.0	180.0	
ARMSTRONG	40.0	40.0	
ARMSTRONG	175.0	175.0	
ARMSTRONG	182.0	183.0	
ARMSTRONG	40.0	43.0	
ARMSTRONG	36.0	36.0	
ARMSTRONG	143.0	143.0	
ARMSTRONG	295.0	294.0	
ARMSTRONG	241.0	240.0	
ARMSTRONG	234.0	231.0	
ARMSTRONG	136.0	136.0	
ARMSTRONG	367.0	365.0	
ARMSTRONG	39.0	39.0	
ARMSTRONG	342.0	340.0	
ARMSTRONG	160.0	158.0	
ARMSTRONG	225.0	226.0	
ARMSTRONG	110.0	119.0	
ARMSTRONG	153.0	151.0	
ARMSTRONG	885.0	880.0	
ARMSTRONG	61.0	60.0	
ARMSTRONG	254.0	254.0	
ARMSTRONG	390.0	390.0	
ARMSTRONG	245.0	247.0	
ARMSTRONG	131.0	130.0	

## NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	CLOSED
AMSCON CORP	33/0	32/0
PLANTIC R	65/4	65/4
R CORP	16/6	16/6
RYNA LIFE	45/2	45/2
AKSIA AIR	14/5	14/5
ALUM	26/5	26/5
CO STAND	26/5	26/5
ND	19/3	19/3
CAP SEC	23/5	23/5
ER CYARA	41/6	41/6
FAMILY	14/5	14/5
MON PRO	70/6	69/7
STANDARD	38/0	37/1
STORES	51/0	49/0
ET T	28/5	28/5
CO CO	65/0	64/5
P INC	48/6	48/6
PCO PTT	12/5	12/5
R CORP	34/6	34/5
R GEN CO	30/0	29/5
NDRA HESS	23/3	23/3
THEN	0	9/5
CHICHE CO	71/1	71/1
ACHIE PET	3/4	3/4
AMCO INC	10/6	10/6
ALCO INC	27/0	26/5
HLSD OIL	58/1	58/1
CIL CORP	33/7	33/7
ENT INC	19/1	19/1
RYMET INC	25/5	25/5
CON PROCS	24/3	24/3
CON ATLAN	68/2	68/1
LL CAN E	28/1	27/1
LL-HO	60/0	60/0
THE STEEL	17/2	17/1
WERLY	7/6	7/6
K BOSTON	23/4	22/1
K BOSTN-A	48/2	48/0
K H-YORK	26/2	26/0
K TR-NY	29/6	29/6
AKMANER	7/0	6/1
AMCAN SPEC	6/5	6/4
INEING	36/6	36/6
SEC CASC	67/2	67/0
RSEN	49/4	49/4
RG-WARNR	0	45/5
WATER	29/2	29/2
TELECOM	40/0	39/1
ST-STR	26/0	25/5
ST-MYER	43/0	43/2
UNISWICK	14/7	14/1
ENDY CO	11/4	11/4
INC	10/6	10/6
BOT CORP	32/4	31/3
ESASARS W	20/2	20/2
ROLI FRE	19/7	19/7
NAT GAS	13/5	13/4
ST-COOKE	67/0	67/0
TERPILLA	61/2	61/0
IND	18/7	19/0
S	153/6	152/0
INTEL CO	35/4	35/6
INOTR DAT	2/0	2/0

GEN MILLS	48/6	48/0	NEW ENG EL	22/2	22/1	SHF STH PAC	46/6	46/5
GENL MOTOR	60/4	61/0	NEW PLA RE	14/0	14/0	SHELL TRAN	71/0	71/0
GEN SIGNAL	43/0	43/5	NEWELL CO	26/1	26/2	SHER PLOC	48/6	48/6
GENCORP	64/3	64/2	NEWMOAT MI	35/0	35/5	SHER-WILL	24/1	24/1
GENRAD INC	10/4	10/2	NEWMT GLD	39/1	40/0	SINGER CO	49/6	49/6
GE INTL	3/7	3/6	NIGOR INC	22/2	22/2	SMITH INT	6/2	6/2
GEORGE-PAC	33/0	33/2	NIOF	5/5	5/5	SMITHK BEC	49/2	49/2
GERBER SCIE	16/6	16/5	NOBLE FLS	10/7	11/0	SONY CP	39/0	39/0
GILBERT	31/7	31/7	NOB RESOU	6/6	6/5	SOURCE CAP	32/2	32/4
GLOBAT	1/3	1/3	NORTH	24/6	24/5	SOUTHERN	21/4	21/4
GOLDEN HUG	10/6	10/6	NORTON	43/6	43/6	SPERRY CP	14/3	14/2
GODDICH	36/7	36/5	NOVO IND	23/2	23/0	SQUARE D	51/0	50/4
GODFREY	59/4	59/6	NUCOR CORP	36/2	35/5	SQUIBS	58/4	57/7
GOLD INC	10/7	11/0	OKA INDS	1,00	1,00	STALEY AE		
GRACE WR	23/2	23/4	OCCIDENTAL	23/3	23/0	STEL CORP	51/1	51/0
GRAINGER	57/0	56/2	OCEAN DRILL	14/4	15/1	SUN DR INC	49/6	49/4
GREYHOUND	25/5	25/6	ODGEN CORP	26/6	26/2	SUNSTRAM	38/8	38/8
GROLIER	8/7	8/7	OE CO	19/2	18/5	SUNSHINE H	4/1	4/3
GRUMMAN	19/4	19/3	ONIO MATT	13/1	13/2	SUPER VAL	16/6	16/7
GULF RES-C	11/3	11/4	OLIN CORP	40/1	40/3	SN AIRLINE	14/5	14/4
GULF-WESTN	74/0	73/6	OMNICARE	6/3	6/5	SN BELL	20/0	19/7
HALLIBURTON	24/3	24/4	ORION PICT	11/2	11/1	SN GAS	34/5	34/4
HALLWOOD	14/7	14/7	PAINE WEB	15/1	15/0	TANDY CORP	33/2	32/4
HANNA MIN	17/4	17/6	PAN AM W A	3/2	3/2	TECO EMERG	23/6	23/5
HARRIS CP	26/4	26/5	PANHANDLE	20/4	20/4	TELEKIN	24/4	24/3
HARTKAMP	25/4	25/3	PARK ELECT	15/5	15/4	TELETYPE	30/4	30/5
HEWITT INC	13/5	13/5	PARKER DRI	2/6	2/7	TELEX CORP	55/0	55/0
HILLMAN	40/0	39/5	PARKER MAN	3/4	3/1	TERADYNE	16/6	16/6
HEINZ IJ	43/0	42/0	PATRICK PET	2/7	2/7	TESORO PET	12/0	11/7
HEL CURTIS	26/5	26/4	PAYLESS GSH	10/8	10/4	TEX AMER B	3/0	3/0
HELM-PARTS	18/0	17/6	PULBROS CO	4/4	4/4	TEX EAS TR	21/6	21/5
HERKULES	45/4	45/2	PR HOB-96	0	90/4	TEXACO INC	36/7	35/7
HESSTON	0	3/3	PEWEN CORP	44/5	44/4	TEXAS IND	30/5	30/6
HEUL-PACK	56/4	55/4	PEWEN JAC	45/6	45/0	TEXAS INST	50/3	49/3
HENDEL CP	38/2	38/0	PEWZCOIL	78/0	75/2	TEXTORON	19/2	19/5
HILLENBRND	24/2	24/0	PEOPLES EN	16/6	15/7	TIDWATER	4/6	4/6
HILTM HTLS	70/4	69/5	PEPSICO EN	32/3	31/5	TIGER INT	11/6	11/5
HITACHI	94/2	94/2	PERKIN-ELM	23/7	23/4	TIMES INCOR	79/6	79/4
HOBBS	16/6	16/6	PFIZER	45/1	44/4	TIMES MIRR	72/2	70/0
HOMO-HARRN	16/0	16/0	PHILIPS DOD	44/6	44/4	TIPKIN	53/0	54/4
HOLIDAY C	22/4	22/2	PHILIP MOR	90/0	89/3	TORCHMARK	24/4	24/4
HONE DEPOT	19/0	18/4	PHILIPS PE	10/2	10/3	TOSCO CORP	1/4	1/4
HONE FED S	21/4	21/1	PILLSBURY	31/0	30/7	TOYS R US	29/7	29/4
HONDA MOTOR	102/0	100/2	PIMMACE W	27/6	27/4	TRACOR INC	32/4	32/4
HONEYWELL	57/0	56/6	PITH-BOMES	39/5	39/5	TRANSAMER	27/7	27/4
HOUGHTON MI	23/5	23/5	PITTSO	10/4	10/3	TRANSCO EN	22/4	22/4
HOUSTON IN	29/3	29/0	POLAROID	24/0	24/1	TRANSCO EX	5/0	4/7
HUGHES SUP	25/5	25/6	PORTLAND GE	21/4	22/0	TRAVELLERS	34/3	33/5
HUMANA INC	17/4	18/5	PRIME COMP	14/7	14/7	TRINITY INT	24/6	25/5
HUTTON EF	28/3	28/3	PRIME INNS	29/7	30/0	TV CORP	15/0	14/7
IBM	115/4	115/0	PRIMERICA	23/7	23/5	TWA	20/6	20/5
IC INDUST	31/3	30/5	PROCTER GR	87/0	86/0	U PACIFIC	53/2	52/2
ICI PHARMA	6/3	6/4	PUEBLO INT	14/2	14/2	UD BRAND	46/0	46/0
IND MGR CO	23/2	23/4	PUGET SP-L	19/0	18/7	UD TECH	34/2	33/6
INCO PIR	20/2	19/6	PULTE HOME	7/4	7/1	UNILEVER	58/0	57/2
INGRSLL-RA	34/6	34/4	QUAKER OAT	42/6	42/1	UNION CAMP	36/0	36/0
INTL MINER	43/4	42/6	QUAKER COR	16/1	16/0	UNION CARB	22/0	21/1
J WALTEY	59/6	59/4	QUESTAR	31/3	31/2	US SHOE	14/0	13/7
JONES-JHS	70/5	70/4	RAMADA INN	6/2	6/2	USX CORP	29/1	28/5
K MART CP	28/7	28/4	RANGER OIL	4/2	4/2	US WEST	51/5	51/4
KAISSER ALM	11/3	11/0	RANGER OIL	5/7	5/7	USAIR GRP	33/6	33/2
KELLOGG	53/6	52/5	RATHEON	41/0	40/7	VALERO EN	4/6	4/7
KERR-MCGEE	31/6	31/7	RATHEON	64/3	65/3	VALLEY IND	1/6	1/6
KEYSTONE	16/4	16/6	REGAL INTL	15	14	VARCO INTL	3/4	3/5
KIDDE INC	0	63/0	REYNOLD HE	47/4	47/5	VARIAN ASS	23/0	23/2
KIMB-CLARK	19/7	19/7	RJR HABSIC	48/0	48/0	V UNION	2/0	2/0
KLM R D AI	15/6	15/7	ROCKWELL G-E	14/7	14/5	V PRT PEPP	24/7	24/1
KRAFT INC	48/1	48/7	ROCKWELL G-E	6/5	6/5	VAIRCO INTL	4/6	4/7
KROGER CP	25/1	24/5	ROCKWELL	18/7	17/7	WALCOO OIL	25/2	24/6
LEAR PETRL	1/4	1/5	ROCKWELL	18/7	17/7	WALMART	32/1	32/1
LEHMAN	11/1	11/1	ROHL INDS	16/4	16/5	WALGREEN	29/0	28/2
LEHMAN	16/2	16/4	ROLLINS EN	17/0	17/1	WARNER COM	66/4	67/2
LILLY ELI	72/7	71/6	ROLLINS IN	15/0	14/6	WARNER LAN	36/7	35/7
LINCOLN LA	37/4	39/1	ROPER CORP	14/6	14/6	WASH GAS L	20/6	20/4
LITTON IND	70/3	70/0	ROPER CORP	36/2	36/4	WENDY INTL	5/0	5/1
LOCKHEED	36/7	36/6	ROPER CORP	36/2	36/4	WEST CO	16/0	16/1
LOTTITE CP	25/0	24/6	ROYAL DUTCH	105/2	105/1	WESTINGHOE	48/4	49/3
LORENS CORP	69/2	69/1	RYDER SYST	25/2	24/4	WILLIAMS C	21/2	22/8
LOW-METTLER	17/6	18/1	RYLAND GRP	14/2	14/1	WILKINS & E	5/0	5/0
LOWE STAR	20/7	20/3	S DLEG G-E	29/7	29/5	WILKINS & E	8/2	8/2
LOWES	47/0	46/5	SABINE	18/5	11/4	WILKINS & E	8/2	8/2
MGT ASS 12-24	2/4	2/5	SALOMON	18	18/1	WILKINS & E	8/2	8/2
M HARRIETA	40/0	41/2	SARA LEE	36/4	36/4	WILKINS & E	8/2	8/2
M CO INC	8/7	8/6	SCHLUBERG	28/4	28/7	WILKINS & E	8/2	8/2
MACHILLAN	58/6	56/6	SCOTT PPR	67/6	67/6	WILKINS & E	8/2	8/2
MAHATTAN	8/7	8/6	SCOTTYS	13/0	13/0	WILKINS & E	8/2	8/2
MAJOR CARV	12/3	11/2	SE BANK CO	18/4	18/5	WILKINS & E	8/2	8/2
MAHU HANOV	24/5	24/3	SEARON CO	56/0	55/4	WILKINS & E	8/2	8/2
MARIOTT	29/3	29/1	SEAGULL EN	16/4	16/3	WILKINS & E	8/2	8/2
MASCO CORP	22/7	22/3	SEALED AIR	35/4	36/0	WILKINS & E	8/2	8/2
MATSU ELEC	168/0	168/7	SEARS ROE	34/0	33/2	WILKINS & E	8/2	8/2
MATTEL INC	7/3	7/1	SERY CORP	21/6	22/1	WILKINS & E	8/2	8/2

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 3Q ORD	1377.8	1366.6 1348.9	1853.7	1313.9
FT 500 SHR	0	950.9 940.1	1323.8	913.61
FT ALL SEC	0	861.05 851.61	1208.89	835.48
FT GOV SEC	87.78	87.86 87.66	85.55	83.62
FT GOLD HN	313.8	319.0 320.4	453.1	286.9
FT MINES F	0	427.26 435.96	688.22	342.99
FT OIL	0	1604.9 1630.9	2284.4	1511.37
FT WLD OLR	115.18	115.02 114.00	136.44	
FT WLD STG	93.03	92.58 92.31	124.45	
FT WLD LCR	100.00	100.00 100.00	100.00	

## London Stock Market Report

**UK STOCKS ABOVE LOWS AFTER ECONOMIC STATISTICS**  
LONDON, DEC 18 - SHARES REMAINED WEAK BUT WELL ABOVE THEIR LOWEST LEVELS AFTER BETTER THAN EXPECTED U.K. ECONOMIC NEWS, A FIRMER OPENING ON WALL STREET AND NEWS THAT BP WOULD PROCEED WITH ITS BID FOR BRITOL LISTED THE MARKET DEALERS SAID.

HOWEVER, AFTER THE U.K. GOVERNMENT VETOED BP'S 450P PER SHARE BID THIS MORNING, ONE DEALER SUMMED UP THE FEELINGS OF MANY BY SAYING "THE SITUATION IS VERY CONFUSING, WE ARE JUST GOING TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT THE TREASURY DOES NEXT."

AFTER REWS OF THE GOVERNMENT VETO, THE FTSE 100 INDEX SLUMPED TO A LOW OF 1,681.5 AT 1125 GMT BUT AT 1530 HAD RECOVERED TO STAND JUST 3.9 POINTS DOWN AT 1,702.3.

BRIT01L HAD EARLIER SURGED TO 444P AFTER BP LAUNCHED ITS FULL BID BUT STOOD A NET 13P DOWN AT 409 AFTER REACHING A LOW OF AROUND 35S ON THE GOVERNMENT'S BLOCKING MOVE. BP WAS 2P LOWER AT 277 AFTER STANDING A FIDELITY FINDER EARLY ON.

BP ALSO SAID IT HAD RAISED ITS STAKE IN BRITOL TO 29.9 PCT FROM 24.9 BY PURCHASES TODAY AT 450P. DEALERS SAID THEY WERE WAITING ON FURTHER MOVES FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMENTS FROM BRITOL WHICH HAS DUE TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE LATER TODAY.

ATLANTIC RICHFIELD HAS SAID IT MIGHT BID FOR ALL OF BRITOLIL IF BP MADE A SIMILAR MOVE BUT, SO FAR, NO REACTION HAS BEEN SEEN FROM THE U.S. COMPANY TO TODAY'S NEWS.

**London Gold**

## London Gold

LONDON, DEC 18 - GOLD BULLION DRIFTED BACK FROM THE MORNING'S HIGHS IN GENERALLY LIGHT DEALINGS TO CLOSE AT 480.00/480.50 DLRs AN OUNCE, LITTLE CHANGED FROM THURSDAY'S CLOSE AT 479.50/480.00 DLRs.

DEALERS SAID TRADE WAS MAINLY ROUTINE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY AND BOOKSQUARING, WITH MANY OPERATORS HAVING ALREADY UNWOUND POSITIONS AHEAD OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

GOLD MOVED AHEAD IN EARLY TRADE AND WAS FIXED SOME 4.50 DLRS HIGHER AT THE MORNING FIX AT 484.55 DLRS, FOLLOWING A REBOUND IN OIL PRICES AND A RALLY IN U.S. BULLION MARKETS OVERNIGHT.

### London Money Market

## London Money Market

LONDON, DEC 18 - MONEY MARKET RATES ENDED SLIGHTLY LOWER WHEN CHARGED AFTER A VOLATILE TRADING SESSION DOMINATED BY THE RELEASE OF U.K. MONEY SUPPLY DATA.

INTERBANK RATES EXTENDED RECENT RISES BY UP TO 1/8 POINT IN EARLY TRADING ON SPECULATION THE DATA WOULD SHOW A RISE OF SIX BILLION OR SEVEN BILLION STG IN NOVEMBER STERLING BANK LENDING.

MOST DEALERS WERE SCEPTICAL ABOUT SUCH FORECASTS, ONE CALLING THEM "WILD", ANOTHER SAYING THAT SOME OPERATORS WERE TRYING TO TALK UP THE MARKET IN ORDER TO LEND FUNDS AT THE TOP.

WHEN A RISE OF 3.2 BILLION WAS REPORTED AT 1130 GMT, RATES FELL BACK TO OVERNIGHT LEVELS AND DIPPED FURTHER THIS AFTERNOON.

Foreign Exchange					
DLR	STG	DNK	FFR	OPG	
DLR -----	1.8345/\$	1.6240/50	\$ 4,950/80		
STG 1.8335/65		2.9755/90	10.0590/0740		NOON
DNK 1.6178/6258	2.971/98S	-----	29.485/645		FIX
FFR 5.4945/5085	2.1081/099	338.10/70			FIX
SFR 1.3172/3182	2.4167/4198	81.20/31	23.98/24.02		1300
HCU 1.8280	3.3945	112.53	33.26		FIX
ECU 1.27.65	0.692454	2.06417	6.98096		FIX
SDR 1.3506	0.756177	2.25793	7.64696		FIX
YEN 126.35/45	252.07/39	-----	-----		CLOSE
TRB -----	-----	-----	-----		-----

**Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices**

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	242.5	240.4	240.2	263.2
AUSTRIA	212.9	211.2	209.0	263.5
BELGIUM	249.1	250.5	249.1	307.6
CANADA	346.0	350.3	381.3	333.2
DENMARK	343.9	299.5	343.4	364.8
FRANCE	295.8	299.5	293.7	408.1
GERMANY	162.1	163.6	159.8	259.8
HONG KONG	1532.2	1829.3	1484.3	1778.9
ITALY	596.1	389.6	384.7	563.6
JAPAN	1092.2	109.2	109.2	986.0
MEXICO	4824.5	5926.3	4370.9	10131.6
NETHERLANDS	214.2	214.7	213.9	257.1
NORWAY	384.1	380.8	389.5	448.9
SINGAPORE	442.1	438.4	431.3	511.3
SPAIN	214.6	209.8	204.9	192.8
SWEDEN	705.2	684.5	680.63	814.8
SWITZ	140.8	140.8	139.3	200.8
U.K.	512.9	508.2	502.6	497.6
U.S.A.	226.9	407.8	226.2	226.0
WORLD	407.4	407.8	404.5	356.8
E.A.F.E.	762.1	754.6	752.7	614.9
EUROPE	353.6	353.3	349.6	356.9

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## Wall Street Statistics \* Composite

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
PORTLAND	21	7/8	- 1/8	WANG LAB B	11	1/4	+ 1/2
PUTNAM MAS	10		UNCN	DAMSON OIL	3	3/16	+ 1/16
ATT	29		+ 1	ATARI CP	7	1/4	- 1/8
CEN ME PWR	15	7/8	+ 5/8	TEXAS AIR	12		- 1/4
STRAGE TEC	21	1/4	- 1/8	FUR VAULT	3	3/8	- 1/8
AMER EXPR	23	1/4	+ 1/4	NY TIMES A	31	3/8	+ 7/8
PHILLIPS R	10	3/4	+ 3/8	MCGREGOR	3		+ 1/2
TRAVELERS	34			ANDALCN CP	34	3/4	UNCN
TEXACO	37	1/4	+ 1/4	DOME PETE	5	1/8	- 1/2
INEX CORP	29	1/4	+ 1/8	CAI			

## Wall Street Market Review

NEW YORK, Dec 18: Wall Street stocks continued their early rally with blue chips recovering much of their drop yesterday. Brokers said gains were supported by a

Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan also helped in calling October's huge US trade deficit an aberration, brokers said.

Gold mining prices fell as the dollar rose. ASA Ltd was down 3/4 to 49-1/2 and Newmont Gold off 1/1/8 at 39.

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### International Bond Highlights

Duesseldorf, Dec 18 — The Norwegian Mortgage Association for Industry and Trade is issuing a five year, 75 mln mark Bullet Eurobond with a 5-1/4 pct coupon and priced at par, sole lead manager Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale said.

Zurich — Australia's Ansett Transport Industries Ltd is launching 50 mln Swiss francs of 5-3/8 pct seven year, straight notes at 100-1/2 pct, lead manager Handelsbank Natwiss said.

Paris — Credit Commercial de France said it is lead managing for its own account a 1.2 billion franc domestic bond in six variable rate tranches.

### Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8-5/8 1/8	8-5/8 1/2	8-15/16 13/16
FFY 2.95/3.05	3.75/85	3.70/80
PAR 8 1/8	8-1/8 1/4	8-1/2 5/8
ZUR 7/8 1-1/8	3-5/8 3-7/8	3-1/2 3-3/4
BRX 5.25	6-11/16 15/16	6-5/4 7/8
BOM 10-1/8 10-5/8	11-1/4 11-5/4	11-1/4 11-5/4
AMS 4-1/2 4-5/8	4-1/2 4-5/8	4-5/8 4-3/4
YOK 3.7500 8125	4.0000 0625	5.8750 9375
EDU 6.18 6.45	7.12 7.25	7.12 7.25

### Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	3-15/16	4-1/16
3 months	4-9/16	5-1/8
6 months	5-3/16	5-3/4
1 year	5-1/2	6

### BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	29.50	29.50	29.75	MODIALKALI	5.50	5
ACC 157	---	---	GRATON120	88	90	87	WADACHANT	25.25	25.50
ABHADV 157	---	---	GRUPTRO	23.50	24	24	PREKALTO	24.75	25.50
ABHADV400	---	---	GRUPTRO	95.50	96	96	RAYMOND CO	---	---
ABHRA CEM 9.87	10	8.85	GRUPTRO	110	112	111	RAYMOND CO	88	88
ABHRA VLY	---	---	GRUPTRO	---	---	---	RELANCE	103	104
BAJAJ AUTO 4450	4500	4350	HYD LAMP	---	---	---	SPIC	28	28
BAR RAYON 142.50	142.50	145	IND ORG	24	24	23	SPIC	28	28
BOM DTING 92.50	94	91.75	INDRATON	52	52	52	SPIC	192.50	195
BOMBAY STOCK PRICES	---	---	INDRATON	182.50	182.50	182.50	SPIC	---	---
BSE INDEX 407.92	---	---	INDRATON	38	38	39	STEELTUBE	11	---
CENTURYSPG 641.25	645	645	ITC CO	---	---	---	TATA PWR	195	198.50
COLGATE 191.50	194	193	JK 120	---	---	---	TATACHEN	66	66
DEEPAKPERT 31.50	30.50	31.50	JYKINTH	58.50	59	58.50	TATAOIL	81	84
DIARCEMENT	---	---	L AND T	75	76.50	76.50	TELCO	357.50	360
FICOM ORG	---	---	MAGNAHARD	---	---	---	UOIAPHOSP	---	---
GARVAPOLY 78.50	78	79.50	MANINDRA	54	55	54	VOLTA	300	305

### FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AEI	211.0
ALLIANZ VR	1190.0
BAEHLER	183.0
BASF	256.6
BAYER	267.0
BAYER NYP	317.5
BAYER VER	319.0
BBC	266.5
BHT	323.0
BKH	453.0
CHENIE-VER	0
COMMERZBANK	222.5
CONIT GUM	225.0
DAIMLER BEN	603.0
DEUTSC BHK	408.5
DLW	300.0
DRESNER B	233.0
DT-BABCOCK	158.5
FAZ-INDEX	432.96
GOLDSCHEIDT	234.3
GUTHOFF	0
HARPER	359.0
HOECHST AG	256.8
HOECHST	95.2
HORTEN	156.0
HUSSEL HLD	450.0
KALI SALZ	125.0
KARSTADT	442.0
KAUHOFF	417.0
KLOECK H	79.0
KLOECK J	0
LIHDE	518.0
LUFTHANSA	125.5
MAR	137.0
MANNESMAN	113.8
MERCEDES	492.5
METALLURG	239.0
NIXDORF	562.0
NORCK NYD	34.0
PHILIP KIM	616.5
POESCHE	410.0
PREUSSAG	120.0
PVA	179.5
RHEIN	219.0
RHEIN P	207.0
RHEINMETAL	241.0
SALAMANDER	266.0
SCHERING	363.0
SEL	286.5
SIEMENS	373.5
THYSEN	108.2
YARTA	231.0
VERA	274.0
VEN	162.5
VOLKSWAGEN	227.5

### TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AJINOMOTO	3290
AKAI ELEC	426
AKI	985
ASANI GAS	1760
ASANI OPT	558
BANK TOKYO	1360
BRIDGESTON	1220
CANON	941
CASIO COMP	1130
CHUGAI PHM	1490
CITIZEN W	496
O-ICHI KAN	2920
DAI NIP IT	755
DAI NIP PT	2300
DAI NIP SC	800
DAI NIP TO	422
DAICEL	748
DAIHAT N	1640
DAIFU SEC	4930
EBRA MFG	789
EISAI	2100
FUJITSU	1190
FUJI BANK	3110
FUJI PHOTO	3950
FUJISAWA	1910
FUJITA CP	699
HITACHI	1200
HONDA MOT	1300
ISSETAN	1330
ITO YOKADO	3720
JAP SYN RJ	900
JAPAN AIR	13800
JAPAN MET	431
KAJIMA	1560
KANAI EL	2860
KAO SOAP	1850
KAWASAKI H	255
KAWASAKI S	355
KIRIN BEV	2110
KONATSU	635
KUBOTA LTO	549
KYOCERA	5150
MAKITA EL	1660
MARUI	2820
MATSUDA EI	2120
MATSUDA EL	2080
MEIJI SEIK	954
MITSUBU CP	1030
MITSUBU EL	538
MITSUBU EST	1880
MITSUBU HW	580
MITSUBU CO	693
MITSUBISHI	1460
MITSUBU EL	1030
NICHICOM	1140
NIPON CHMT	780
NIPKO SEC	1490
NIP ELEC	1910
NIP KKKAN	307
NIP OIL	1110
NIP STEEL	409
NIP YUSEN	535
NIS MOTOR	762
NUMURA SEC	2960
OHBA CO	950
OLYMPUS	970
PENTA OCH	830
PIONEER	2610
RENOWN	829
RICOH	1160
SANIKYO	1700
SANTO ELEC	449
SEIYU ST	1600
SEKISUI PB	1700
SHARP	948
SHISEIDO	1480
SONY	4990
SUMITOMO	949
TAISEI	920
TAISHO PHM	1020
TAKEDA CH	3000
TEIJIN	750
TKO NEW IX	833.48
TOKIO HIN	1880
TOKYO ELEC	1070
TOKYO GAS	940
TOKYO POKR	5950
TORAY IND	750
TOSHIBA EL	637
TOTO	2060
TOYO KKOY	405
YAMADA	1820
YAMATCHI	1500
YAMAMOTO	3930
YAMAZAKI	1470

### Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE LOWER IN MODEST TRADE  
TOKYO, DEC 18 — SHARE PRICES EASED IN LISTLESS TRADE BUT CLOSED ABOVE EARLIER LOWS AS SOME FRESH INCENTIVES EMERGED, BROKERS SAID.

THE NIKKEI AVERAGE LOST 72.86 POINTS, OR 0.32 PCT, TO 22,826.97. EARLIER IT FELL TO 22,739.40. THE INDEX GAINED 80.41 ON THURSDAY.

DECLINES LED ADVANCES TWO TO ONE IN TURNOVER OF 550 MLN SHARES AGAINST 500 MLN ON THURSDAY. NEWS FROM WASHINGTON THAT CONGRESSIONAL PANELS HAD REACHED A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON A 23 BILLION DLR PACKAGE OF TAX INCREASES OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS ENCOURAGED INVESTORS, BROKERS SAID.

MARKET SENTIMENT WAS BOOSTED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF LESS VOLATILE CURRENCY MOVEMENTS RESULTING FROM THE AGREEMENTS, THEY ADDED. WALL STREET'S HEAVY LOSS ON THURSDAY AND DOUBTS CONCERNING THE DOLLAR HAD CAUSED THE EARLIER FALL, BROKERS SAID.

A RELATIVELY STABLE PERFORMANCE BY THE DOLLAR SPURRED BUYING OF BLUE CHIP STOCKS NEAR THE END OF THE DAY, OTHER BROKERS SAID.

NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 2.27 MLN YEN, WHICH WAS PERCEIVED AS A GOOD SIGN OF OVERALL MARKET HEALTH, BROKERS SAID.

SECURITIES HOUSE, PHARMACEUTICAL, REAL ESTATE, BANK AND GAS ISSUES LED THE DECLINE.

DRUG SHARES FELL ON PROFIT TAKING, AND FINANCIALS SUFFER DURING TIMES OF MARKET UNCERTAINTY, BROKERS SAID. DECLINES IN PROPERTY VALUES AND CONCERN ABOUT GOVERNMENT POLICY AIMED AT REDUCING LAND PRICES PULLED REAL ESTATE DOWN, THEY ADDED.

PULP/PAPER SHARES ADVANCED, FOLLOWED BY SLIGHT GAINS IN THE AUTO, COMMUNICATIONS AND INSURANCE SECTORS.

DOLLAR-WARY INVESTORS FELL BACK ON PULP/PAPER AS A SAFE BET, BROKERS SAID. PROMISING DOMESTIC AUTO SALES FIGURES HELPED PROMOTE CAR ISSUES, THEY SAID.

### Nomura Securities

WEEKLY FORECAST WEEK OF DEC. 14 - 18  
LAST WEEK SAW REVERSAL OF NY AND TOKYO MARKET SLIDE WITH OOM UP 136 PTS. IN THREE DAYS—DESPITE WORRIES CAUSED BY CROPPING FLR. POOR TRADE FIGURES, RISING INT. RATES, ETC. GOOD NEWS WAS FOUND IN INF PACY AND BUDGET DEFICIT OUT PROCEEDINGS, SIGNALING POSITIVE SHIFT IN MKT FOCUS. TOKYO MARKET MOVED HAS BRIGHTENED AS TRANSACTION LEVELS INCREASE—358.3 BIL. Y. UP FROM 343.5 BIL. Y. TWO WKS AGO—AND NET SELLING BY FOREIGNERS DROPPED—DOWN 51.1 BIL. Y. FROM OCTOBER. LAST WEEKS POSITIVE TREND WILL CONTINUE THIS WEEK AS ENERGY AND CONFIDENCE GRADUALLY RETURN TO THE MARKET.

### AMMAN

AL HIMME MINERALS	OPNG CLSG	0.79	0.79
AL-NISER EXCHANGE	0.89	0.90	---
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.17	1.15	---
ARAB ALLIUM IND.	1.83	1.83	---
ARAB BANK	121.5	121.5	---
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	5.35	5.30	---
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.47	1.48	---
ARAB INSURANCE	1.05	1.00	---
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.91	0.90	---
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.53	0.58	---
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	2.21	2.20	---
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	0.27	0.25	---
ARAB PAPER CON/IND	2.19	2.19	---
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	1.76	0.75	---
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	1.65	1.65	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	16.90	16.90	---
BANK OF JORDAN	1.00	0.95	---
BELGIUM INSURANCE	21.50	22.10	---
CATRO AMMAN BANK	0.32	0.31	---
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	1.50	1.50	---
DAR ALDAHA DV/INV.	0.46	0.45	---
DARCO/INVEST/IND.	0.65	0.66	---
DEVELOP/INVEST/FAS.	0.60	0.60	---
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	1.85	1.80	---
GENERAL INSURANCE	1.60	1.48	---
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.65	1.55	---
GENERAL MINING.	1.15	1.17	---
HOLY LAND INS.	0.70	0.69	---
IND./MATCH JENCO	1.55	1.36	---
INDSTRL DEVLPT BKK	1.47	1.47	---
INDSTRL/COMM/INSTR	---	---	---
INDUSTRIAL INVEST	---	---	---
INTERMED/PETRO/CH	1.11	1.10	---
INTERCOM/INV	0.64	0.64	---
ISRID ELECTRICITY	1.01	1.01	---
ISRAELI INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	---
J.P. PRESS FOUNDATION	3.50	3.30	---
JERUSALEM INS.	1.40	1.41	---
JOR TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.50	14.60	---
JOR CEMENT FACT.	1.04	1.04	---
JOR CERAMIC FACT.	1.08	1.08	---
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05	---
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.55	1.54	---
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.10	1.10	---
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.91	0.91	---
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50	---
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.34	1.28	---
JOR INV AND FIN.	1.07	1.08	---
JOR LINE AND BRICK	0.16	0.16	---
JOR NAKH/CONSULT	---	---	---
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.55	2.55	---
JOR PAPER CARD BRG	3.30	3.30	---
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.50	2.50	---
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.22	1.23	---
JOR PRESS/PUBLIS.	2.11	2.11	---
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	3.00	3.00	---
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.63	0.63	---
JOR SECURIT. CORP.	0.91	0.91	---
JOR TIMBER PROCES.	0.17	0.17	---
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	0.97	0.97	---
JOR WORSTED HILL	4.62	4.62	---
JOR. PETROLEUM REF	7.51	7.51	---
JOR. FRENCH INS.	6.26	6.35	---
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	1.82	1.80	---
JORDAN BREWERY	3.65	3.65	---
JORDAN DAIRY	1.03	1.04	---
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.27	1.28	---
JORDAN GULF INS.	1.01	1.01	---
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.90	13.50	---
JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	1.90	1.90	---
JORDAN KUMAT BANK	1.68	1.68	---
JORDAN TANKING	2.16	2.20	---
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.67	0.70	---
MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.60	---
MIDDLE EAST INS.	60.00	60.00	---
MINERALS RESEARCH	1.63	1.64	---
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	2.50	2.50	---
NAT/CABLE/ALIRE/INF	0.93	0.93	---
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.35	1.35	---
NATIONAL AUTO	0.50	0.51	---
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.73	0.73	---
NATIONAL STEEL	2.84	2.80	---
NATL SHIPPING LINE	0.85	0.85	---
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28	---
PETRA BANK	2.05	2.06	---
PETRA ENTERPRISES	0.60	0.60	---
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.50	0.50	---
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.72	0.72	---
RAFA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80	---
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.46	0.48	---
SPINNING MEVING	0.97	0.97	---
THE HOUSING BANK	1.68	1.70	---
UNITED INSURANCE	2.50	2.50	---
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.26	1.27	---
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.95	0.94	---
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.70	---
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.01	1.01	---

### PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	BUY	SELL	BC-A	72.50	74.00
STOCK LT	7.20	7.10	LC-B	52	55
AC-A	5.75	5.80	LC-C	56	57
ANSCOR	2.02	2.06	PC-A	51	51
FER	30.50	30.00	PC-B	52	51
GLO	142.00	141.00	PC-C	0.013	0.014
PLDT	102.00	102.00	PC-D	0.013	0.015
PCIB	102.00	102.00	PC-E	0.002	0.0028
SMC-A	118.00	116.00	PC-F	0.002	0.003
SMC-B	118.00	118.00	PC-G	0.0625	0.065
MINING	0.0525	0.0525	PC-H	0.0575	0.0575
APX-A	0.0525	0.0525	PC-I	0.0575	0.0575
APX-B	0.0525	0.0525	PC-J	0.0575	0.0575
AT-A	23.25	23.00	PC-K	0.0575	0.06

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## Sheikh Nasser to take part in world economic meeting

GENEVA, Dec 18, (Kuna): At least three senior Opec oil ministers, including the organisation's president Rihwan Lukman and Saudi Arabia's Sheikh Hisham Nasser would be taking part in the annual world economic forum, held in January in the Swiss mountain village of Davos, the organisers said yesterday.

Several other Opec ministers including Indonesia's Dr Subroto, and perhaps another minister from the Gulf, will discuss the future of the world oil market, the forum said.

### Team

Non-Opec oil ministers expected included US Secretary for Energy John Herrington and Norway's Arne Oien. In all it was anticipated that four prime

ministers, 100 finance, trade and other ministers, and 800 presidents of business corporations would be taking part in the week-long series of public and private lectures in Davos, it noted.

Kuwait will be sending a very strong team to Davos, probably totalling some 14 people, headed by the Information Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed.

### Theme

Also due to take part is the president of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Abdul-Aziz Al Saquer, who will head a team of senior businessmen who are due to make a presentation on the current business climate in the Gulf.

The general theme of the gathering would be "The new state of the world

economy" following the crash of stock market prices, the forum said.

Former Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone would address the opening session of the symposium on January 28, forum president Professor Klaus Schwab observed.

Finance ministers, leading central bankers and senior academics would use the occasion to make predictions on the course of the world economy over the next three or four years, he went on.

### Symposium

In addition to the discussions on the state of energy market and the economy, a part of the forum would be devoted to an examination of regional issues.

Schwab refused "for security reasons"

to identify the participants in that sector, but said that these would be at a very senior level.

Forum officials indicated that the Middle East was due to be discussed in this section of the symposium.

The Middle East as a region will be very strongly represented at Davos. In addition to the Kuwait delegation, teams will be coming from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Algeria and Jordan, with its group led by Crown Prince Hassan.

One of the principal attractions of the Davos symposium was that it allowed world leaders to meet informally to examine issues away from the constraints of official visits and protocol, Professor Schwab observed.

## Businessmen call for measures to stabilise exchange rates

TOKYO, Dec 18, (AP): Japanese business leaders asked the government today to cooperate with other nations in stabilising exchange rates and preserving the free-trade system.

Isamu Yamashita, chairman of the Board of the Councilors of the Federation of Economic Organisations, said the Japanese economy was endangered by global economic chaos as illustrated by the recent stock market plunges and wild exchange rate fluctuations.

### Value

Yamashita urged Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, who met with the federation's leaders, to act to cushion the impact of the yen's appreciation on the Japanese economy and to coordinate economic policies with other major nations.

The yen has risen by 92 per

cent against the US dollar since finance ministers of major industrial nations agreed in September 1985 to drive the dollar's value downward to help the United States cut its trade deficit.

The higher value of the yen has made Japanese exports more expensive, forcing exporters to slash production costs and boost overseas production.

Government economists and private analysts agree that the economy has basically recovered from the first shock of the yen's appreciation, and is showing signs of strong growth stimulated by government measures to boost demand for goods and services inside Japan.

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But the dollar's precipitous slide in recent weeks has led many businessmen to express concern that exchange rates are changing too quickly to allow the

economy to adjust.

"In this time of rapid development of global economic interdependence, stability of exchange rates is absolutely essential," Yamashita told the meeting.

Yamashita pointed out that the world is expecting Japan to open its markets, resolve trade friction and fully participate in economic cooperation, especially through the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, a Geneva-based organisation that mediates trade disputes.

"We must not forget how the United States and Europe, especially the United States, helped us during our time of hunger during the war, and how we have benefited from the free trade system under GATT," Yamashita said. "It is Japan's responsibility to help preserve that free trade system."

## Dollar steadies and gold recovers

LONDON, Dec 18, (Reuters): The dollar steadied in a narrow trading range in Europe this morning after touching record quoted lows in New York and Tokyo, while gold and oil prices recovered somewhat from sharp falls yesterday.

Shares were generally lower after Wall Street yesterday suffered its first heavy sell-off in a week and the Dow Jones industrial average plunged by 50.07 points to close at 1,924.40.

But nervous financial markets mostly watched the dollar.

It got a boost in late Tokyo trading on news from Washington that Senate and House of Representatives negotiators had agreed on \$23 billion worth of tax increases as part of budget-cutting measures over the next two years.

### Talks

The talks were due to resume today on legislation for government spending and could carry on into Saturday.

Near the start of business in Tokyo, before the European day dawned, the dollar touched a record quoted low of 125.55 Japanese yen, breaking the previous low of 125.75 set a few hours earlier in New York.

A New York traded low of 1.6155 West German marks yesterday was not breached in Tokyo.

"This is getting a bit repetitive," said a trader in Frankfurt this morning. "Every day we come in a see the dollar hit new lows in Tokyo."

In the event, the dollar traded in Europe this morning in a tight range of 1.6175 to 1.6252 marks and 126.25 to 126.58 yen, never coming close to its earlier Asian and US lows.

It remained subject to selling pressure, though. "There is nothing they could say that would make me buy dollars at the moment," a Frankfurt dealer said.

Japanese government sources in Tokyo said the Group of Seven major industrial nations might issue a statement at the weekend reaffirming the need for currency stability, but only after the congressional negotiators completed their package to be presented to the White House and the full Congress.

### Cooperation

West German government sources said in Bonn today that the leaders of the Group of Seven industrial nations have been in intense telephone discussion in recent days over economic cooperation, but no date for a joint statement had been decided.

In Frankfurt, Norbert Kloten, a member of the West German central bank's council said that to be effective, any new agreement on currency stability would have to be better prepared and more flexible than last February's Louvre accord in Paris.

"If it is not very carefully thought out or not flexible enough... it could lead to more instability (in the financial markets)," he told Reuters in a telephone interview.

### Response

Gold was fixed in London today at \$480.20 an ounce, slightly up on yesterday's close in response to higher crude oil prices and a rebound on in US bullion prices.

Benchmark North Sea Brent crude oil for February delivery

bounced back today to trade around \$15.50 a barrel, more than a dollar up on 12-month lows recorded yesterday. It was depressed by an Opec agreement on Monday to freeze price and production levels agreed in June despite a glutted world market.

London Stock Exchange share values eased at the opening of the week and the Wall Street fell. Dealers said they felt further after the government said it would use its so-called golden share in the privatised oil production and exploration firm Britoil Plc to block a full takeover bid by British Petroleum Co Plc, the world's third biggest oil company.

At 1200 GMT the blue-chip 100-share Financial Times Stock Exchange index was down 16.8 points at 1,689.4.

### Eased

West German shares were easier at midday with the Boersen-Zeitung index down 3.52 points at 276.56. "The dollar's weakness has led to minor selling as people tidy up their portfolios," a share dealer in Frankfurt said.

In quiet pre-weekend Paris trade the bourse indicator fell 2.26 per cent. Other lower markets included Milan, where the index was down half a per cent, Zurich and Amsterdam. Stockholm and Madrid bucked the trend with slight gains.

Lo Asia, declines led advances in Tokyo by two to one in what dealers described as listless turnover of 550 million shares. The Nikkei average was down 72.86 points at 12,826.97 after the fall in New York.

Wall Street's tumble was influenced by concern over

today's so-called triple-witching hour — the expiration of stock index futures and options and individual stock options on the same day. "It is the first expiration after the (October 19) crash and it makes people very nervous," one dealer said.

**Italy, Kuwait sign investment agreement**

ROME, Dec 18, (Kuna): Italy and Kuwait yesterday signed here an agreement to protect investments and prohibiting dual taxation between the two countries.

The accord was signed by Italy's deputy foreign under-secretary and by Kuwait's ambassador here Ahmed Geith Abdallah on behalf of his government.

The Italian official praised Kuwait's policy and voiced concern over regional conflicts, especially in the Gulf and in the Middle East.

He said the agreement serves to bring closer the two signatory states and unify their efforts for peace and economic prosperity.

In reply, the Kuwaiti envoy said the accord will be a bridge for closer amity and cooperation between Kuwait and Italy in various spheres and wished Italy's international efforts to respect of the Gulf conflict a successful end.

The signing ceremony was attended by representatives of leading Italian corporations and banking institutions and was followed by a luncheon to mark the occasion.

## US consumer prices rise modestly

WASHINGTON, (AP): Consumer prices rose a moderate 0.3 per cent in November as energy prices increased after two months of declines, the government said today.

With just one month to go in 1987, inflation at the retail level was running at an annual rate of 4.7 per cent — more than four times last year's tiny 1.1 per cent increase but still in the range considered moderate by most economists.

The November rise in the Labour Department's consumer price index followed a 0.4 per cent increase in October.

Analysts suggested the rise in energy prices might be short-lived, however. More recent declines in oil prices, including sharp drop this week, should help cushion the domestic inflationary impact of a weaker dollar.

### Drop

Overall energy costs rose 0.8 per cent in November following a 0.9 per cent drop in September and a 0.5 per cent fall in September.

Gasoline prices rose 0.3 per cent, after falling 0.3 per cent in the previous month. Home heating oil costs were up 0.5 per cent; natural gas and electricity prices jumped 1.4 per cent.

The figures released today did not reflect this week's dissension among members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which failed to lower production quotas and left the nominal price of oil at \$18 a barrel.

## Kuwait dinar deposit rates ease

KUWAIT dinar deposit rates eased on Thursday following Central Bank announcement that no more treasury bills or bonds would be issued for the rest of 1987.

Banks had expected one or two more issues in the coming weeks that would soak up liquidity. Dealers said a treasury bill issue due to mature on December 23 and salary payments toward the end of the month would add even more funds to the market and depress rates further.

Over-night rates traded at six then later at five per cent after having gone as high as seven per cent on Wednesday. Tomorrow next and spot-next were quoted at 5-1/2, 4-1/2 per cent.

### Eased

One-month maturities eased to 4-1/2, 3-3/4 per cent from five, 4-1/2 per cent and three-months eased 1/8 point to 5-1/8, 4-5/8 per cent.

Little trade was reported in longer maturities with banks having squared their balance sheets before the end of the year. Six months and one year were both little changed at 5-5/8, 5-1/8 per cent and six, 5-1/2 per cent, respectively.

The Central Bank raised its dinar exchange rate to 0.27238/72 to the dollar from 0.27292/326 on Wednesday. The spot dinar was quoted at 0.27315/25.

Meanwhile, Saudi rial inter-bank deposit rates were mostly steady in a moderately active, liquid market on Thursday.

Dealers said arbitrage activity pushed up one and two month rates, with dealers seeking rivals to take advantage of higher dollar interest rates and to square balance sheets before the end of the year.

As a result, one month maturities rose to 4-3/8, 4-1/8 per cent from 3-15/16, 11/16 per cent on Wednesday. Demand for swaps also pushed up short and medium-term maturities.

In the short dates, spot next rose one point to 2-1/2, two per cent on Wednesday. One-week was quoted at 3-1/8, 2-5/8 per cent.

Three months firmed to 5-5/8, 7/16 per cent from 5-3/8, 1/8 per cent, but six months and one-year were little changed at 6-1/2, 1/4 per cent and 7-1/16, 6-7/8 per cent, respectively.

The spot rival firmed to 3.7499/502 to the dollar from 3.7507/11 on Thursday.

## BP takeover bid for Britoil blocked by government

LONDON, Dec 18, (Reuters): British Petroleum Co Plc (BP) announced a bid to takeover independent North Sea oil company Britoil Plc today but the government promptly said it would block it.

BP, the world's third largest oil company, said in a statement it hoped Britoil's board would recognise the merits of its 450 pence (\$8.2) per share offer and recommend it to its shareholders.

### Offer

The offer valued Britoil at about £2.27 billion sterling (\$4.15 billion).

But the treasury then issued a statement saying the government would use a "golden share" which it holds in Britoil to stop BP.

It retained this power of veto when Britoil, a former state company which controls about seven per cent of all North Sea oil, was sold off to private investors.

"In present circumstances the government intends to use its special share in Britoil to prevent any bidder from gaining control of the Britoil board," it said.

### Capital

If and when a formal offer was made for more than 80 per cent of Britoil capital, the firm's articles of association enabled the government as special shareholder to outvote all others, it said.

Britoil shares had risen to 444 pence (\$8.12) after BP's bid from last night's 422 pence (\$7.72).

close, then they plunged to 355 pence (\$6.49) after the government's announcement.

BP is battling US oil giant Atlantic Richfield Co (Arco) over Britoil.

Arco seeks up to 49.9 per cent of Britoil, rather than outright control, under a proposed friendly deal which Britoil management preferred and which brokerage analysts saw as a "white knight" move to help the firm avoid a BP takeover.

### Offer

BP acquired 14.9 per cent of Britoil in a stock market "bawn raid" on December 8 and by Thursday had raised this to 24.9 per cent after further purchases on the stock market. Arco also bought Britoil stock and made an offer for more.

BP said its takeover bid was prompted by its North Sea development strategy. Britoil's main activities are the exploration, development and production of oil and gas reserves, mainly in the North Sea area.

"We regard the North Sea as an area of strategic importance with excellent long-term potential," a BP statement said.

The BP Arco tussle over Britoil was part of a wider battle for stakes in the British oil industry.

Partly, these events were a consequence of the financial crash of 87 which made oil shares cheap

relation to the potential value of the petroleum reserves which companies own.

It is also cheaper for a firm to buy their stock than explore for new oil itself.

The Kuwait Investment Office, which places surplus petrodollars in holding, worldwide for the Kuwaiti government, last month started building a stake in BP itself — and now has around 15 per cent.

French state-owned oil giant ELF-Aquitaine last week started building a stake in Tricentrol Plc, a small British North Sea firm.

### Premium

BP meanwhile said in today's statement that its offer for Britoil represented a 140 per cent premium of Britoil's 187 pence (\$3.4) middle market quotation on December 7.

Britoil officials had no immediate comment on the bid. BP had sales of £27.1 billion (\$40.6 billion) in the year ended December 1986 and profit after tax and before extraordinary items of £817 million (\$1.49 billion). It was one of the seven sisters, the multinationals which dominated world oil before the rise in the 1970s of the Opec organisation, and ranks in scale only after America's Exxon Corp and the Anglo-Dutch Shell Group.

BP earlier this year acquired

the 45 per cent shareholding in Standard Oil Co of the United States which it did not already own for £4.7 billion (\$8.6 billion).

The government in October sold off a residual stake holding in BP, with BP issuing new stock at the same time. The huge issue flopped because of the crash on the stock exchange, leaving underwriters to take substantial losses and plenty of cheap BP shares lying around for investors like the Kuwaitis to snap up.

### Profit

Britoil's after tax profit was £33 million (\$60.4 million) in the year ended December 1986. This rose to £71 million (\$130 million) for the six-month period ended in June.

The government retained its golden share in Britoil, after its privatisation, in furtherance of a policy aimed at keeping some control over North Sea petroleum resources.

**Trade talks**

TUNIS, Dec 18, (Kuna): The head of the Kuwaiti Company for Petrochemical Industries Abdul Baj Al Nouri conferred here yesterday with the minister entrusted with Planning Mohammed Al Ghanoushi.

They discussed measures to increase Kuwaiti investments in Tunisia.

## Oil prices could reach \$19 in January

ROTTERDAM, Dec 18, (Opecna): Oil prices could reach a level of at least \$19 a barrel in the second half of January if this week's Opec agreement was rigidly implemented, according to a Dutch oil trader.

Jan Oskamp, secretary-general of Novok, the Rotterdam-based organisation of Dutch oil and coal traders, told Opecna today that the Opec decision to extend the agreement and maintain the price at \$18 with a ceiling of 15.60 million bpd for the first six months of 1988, was a "good news" for price improvement.

He noted Opec had been successful in bringing relative stability to the market during 1987.

"One should, however, get rid of speculators, including future trade brokers," Oskamp said, describing them as a negative factor in the international oil trade.

He said that the Rotterdam oil traders, grouped in Novok, were "not pessimistic" about Opec's ability to keep the markets calm, as it had done in 1987.

## Budget bargainers reach tax agreement

WASHINGTON, Dec 18, (AP): An agreement on a \$23-billion, two-year tax increase and progress on a \$600-billion spending bill are giving Congress momentum in its drive to finish a deficit-reduction package.

Negotiators in the House of Representatives and Senate announced agreement last night on a package that would raise an additional \$9 billion in fiscal 1988, which began Oct 1, and \$14 billion more next year.

Other bargainers reached accords on most portions of a record spending bill that would provide \$600 billion for government agencies through next September while also chipping \$7.6 billion from the deficit.

### Aid

But major disagreement remained on several issues, including aid to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

Legislative leaders hoped to complete bargaining on both bills and secure final congressional passage in time to send the measures to the White House for President Ronald Reagan's signature over the weekend.

"Everything seems to be moving along," said Congressman Jamie Whitten, an opposition Democrat and chairman of the

House Appropriations Committee.

The bills were being sculpted to the form of the budget agreement reached on Nov 20 by the White House and congressional leaders. That accord, sparked by the stock market plunge of October, was for a two-year, \$76-billion reduction in the projected increase of the federal deficit, including \$30.2 billion this year.

To prod the legislators into action, a measure enacted on Wednesday temporarily financing the government will provide funds only until 12:01 am (0501 GMT) tomorrow. With most federal offices shut over the weekend, this meant lawmakers had until Monday morning to finish their work and avert a government shutdown.

### Session

The agreement on taxes was reached in a closed session by Democratic congressman Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and Democratic Senator Lloyd Bentsen, who heads the Senate Finance Committee. House negotiators then gave their approval on an 8-1 vote, and senators agreed without dissent.



The Bundesbank did not intervene as the dollar was fixed at a record low 1.6218 marks after 1.6237 on Thursday. It was the lowest official setting since currency fixes were introduced in Frankfurt in 1953. (Reuters radiophoto)





Barry Manilow returns to music world

Bouncing back from cancer

When cancer struck without warning super singer Barry Manilow nearly died. But after a successful operation he has bounced back with a zippy new album and is planning a world tour.

By Joe Mears

TO many women, Barry Manilow is the sexiest man in the world. And he's got it all going for him — good looks, perfect voice and pots of money.

Yet all the fame and fortune in the world couldn't protect him from the ultimate killer — cancer.

Superstar Barry nearly died from the disease when surgeons removed a tumour from the roof of his mouth.

In an emergency operation doctors cut out the cancer and much of the surrounding bone.

"Thank God they were able to do a good job," says Barry, who had to sign a consent form giving doctors permission to remove half his mouth, if necessary.

But Barry came bouncing back even brighter than before — and the best thing of all is he can still sing!

In fact he is now planning a world tour.

Since the life-saving op Barry has to have dental treatment three times a week to save his teeth — but, this, he feels, is a small price to pay for the gift of life.

Barry recalls: "It all happened so fast. I had no warning."

At his Californian home, he was settling down to his favourite chair to a comfortable evening in, with ex-girlfriend Linda Allen, when suddenly he developed a terrible toothache.

His dentist wasn't available so Barry, now desperate, rang up close friend Liz Taylor to ask for the number of her personal dentist.

Barry says: "As soon as he examined me he said I must go to hospital. There was a tumour in my mouth that had exploded overnight and I was a real mess."

Barry was rushed to hospital where he underwent a series of tests. Immediate surgery was ordered.

During the operation Barry nearly died. But miraculously he survived.

Four days later Barry was back home, in that same chair, out of danger, still in pain. And reflecting.

This close shave with death has given him a new lease of life, and it came at a time when he was going through an agonising period of self-doubt and he had gone into self-imposed semi-retirement.

Barry always lacked confidence. But that didn't stop the public loving him and his rise to superstardom was rapid.

But after 20 years in the music business and over 50 million record sales — he was exhausted, and was beginning to wonder what it was all about.

Barry's courtly connections continued and in 1983 he met Prince Charles and Lady Di after a charity concert at the Royal Festival Hall.

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Superstar Barry Manilow: After his operation he is planning a world tour



Barry with Princess Diana in 1983

Barry says: "My goals when I was growing up were to have a secretary and an office and show up at 9.30 every morning and leave at five."

Leaving school, Barry cadged a job as a post-boy for CBS. Friends there encouraged him to develop his musical talents by signing on at the New York College of Music.

After studying, Barry's fortune changed and he landed a position writing jingles and music for local studio shows.

Then at 22, Barry returned home one day to find his mother Edna unconscious from a drug overdose. She was rushed to hospital but survived. The experience left Barry badly bruised.

Perhaps this accounts for his brooding ballads, which brought him fame.

But it wasn't until he met Bette Midler, another unknown singer that Barry's luck really came in.

She knew talent when she saw it and hired him straight-away as her musical director.

After two thrilling years with Bette, Barry decided to go it alone.

It was just thirteen years ago that Barry had his first number one hit "Mandy", which set him on a course for stardom.

Since then he has achieved a string of 27 chart-topping singles with no less than 10 albums going platinum.

And the list doesn't stop there — he won an Emmy, a Tony and was even nominated for an Oscar.

At the height of his career Barry played to an audience of 35,000 in the grounds of Blenheim Palace as the special guest of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough.

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'Faith' keeps George Michael strong on top

Astley topples T'pau in UK

NEW YORK (AP) — George Michael's Faith kept him strong enough to stay for the second straight week at the top of the single pop record charts in the United States.

Heaven Is A Place On Earth by Belinda Carlisle held on to second place for the second week in a row on the Cash Box magazine chart. Whitesnake's Is This Love jumped up two places to third.

Last week's number three hit, the Bill Medley-Jennifer Warnes duet on (I've Had) The Time of My Life, topped out of the ten top pop list completely.

Former Beatle George Harrison jumped on to the top ten list with Got My Mind Set On You, up from 11th to 8th. The week's only other newcomer was Pretty Poison's (Catch Me) I'm Falling, up from 12th to 10th.

As for the Country-and-Western singles, K.T. Oslin stayed on for a second week at the top of the Cash Box magazine chart with Do Ya Somewhere Tonight by Highway 101 was second, and Prefere The Moonlight by Kenny Rogers was third.

London — Rick Astley moved up two places to the top of the British pop singles chart with When I Fall In Love-My Arms Keep Missing You.

Astley toppled the British group T'pau, whose four-week chart-topper China In Your Hand dropped to fourth place.

Always On My Mind by the Pet Shop Boys jumped from eighth to second place, ahead of Michael Jackson's The Way You Make Me Feel. Alexander O'Neal edged up to fifth spot with Critics.

Three newcomers in the top 10 were Love Letters by Alison Moyet, Look of Love by Madonna and Fairytale of New York by the Pogues and Kirsty MacColl.

Top Ten — British  
This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Melody Maker Magazine, with last week's placings in parentheses:  
1. (3) When I Fall In Love-My Arms Keep Missing You — Rick Astley (Rca).  
2. (8) Always On My Mind —

Pet Shop Boys (Parlophone).  
3. (6) The Way You Make Me Feel — Michael Jackson (Epic).  
4. (1) China In Your Hand — T'pau (Sire).  
5. (7) Critics — Alexander O'Neal (Tabu).  
6. (2) Letter From America — The Proclaimers (Chrysalis).  
7. (13) Love Letters — Alison Moyet (Cbs).  
8. (5) What Do You Want To Make Those Eyes At Me For — Shakin' Stevens (Epic).  
9. (21) Look of Love — Madonna (Sire).  
10. (25) Fairytale of New York — The Pogues and Kirsty MacColl (Stiff).

Top Ten — US  
The top pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:  
1. (1) Do Ya — K.T. Oslin (Rca).  
2. (3) Somewhere Tonight — Highway 101 (Warner Brothers).  
3. (5) I Prefer The Moonlight — Kenny Rogers (Rca).  
4. (6) Heaven Can't Be Found — Hank Williams Jr. (Warner Brothers-Curb).  
5. (8) I Can't Get Close Enough — Exile (Epic).  
6. (4) She Couldn't Love Me Anymore — T. Graham Brown (Capitol).  
7. (9) One Friend — Dan Seals (Capitol).  
8. (11) I'll Pin A Note On Your Pillow — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).  
9. (7) Those Memories of You — Dolly Parton, Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris (Warner Brothers).  
10. (2) The Last One To Kow — Reba McEntire (Mca).

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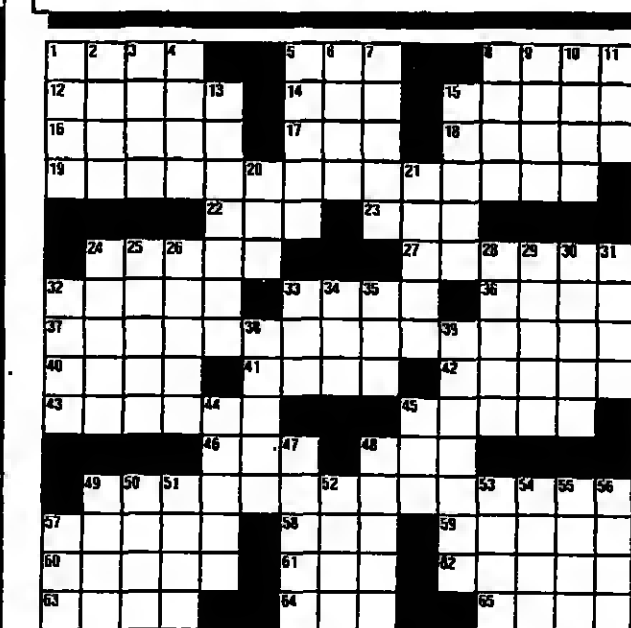
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TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS  
1 Display alarm  
5 Pouch or purse  
9 Offensiva  
12 Savory jelly  
14 First lady  
15 Beam of a sort  
18 Liano rope  
17 Smoked delicacy, for some  
18 Sports place  
19 Fruity fried batter cakes  
22 Attempt  
23 Entried to  
24 Winter woe  
27 Window shop  
32 — angle  
33 Tannus name of fame  
36 Part of GBS  
37 Fruity dessert  
40 Show approval  
41 Eat  
42 Speedster  
43 Calm  
45 Soda dispensers  
46 Actress Hagan  
48 The piper's son  
49 Top banana, perhaps  
57 Earn  
58 Foot feature  
59 Mrs. Arrowsmith  
60 Appense  
61 Display a human quality  
62 Aunt in "Oklahoma!"  
63 Deter  
64 Richard, the Anonymous  
65 Direction of sunrise
- DOWN  
1 Dress  
2 China, Korea et al.  
3 Bridge
- 4 Pocket bread  
5 Sundry  
8 State  
7 Icy cold  
8 Unusual  
9 Employer  
10 Lairs  
11 Historic period  
13 Hiker's container  
15 At a future date  
20 Buchwald  
21 Potato or yam  
24 Weighing instrument  
25 — eclipse  
26 Public storehouse  
28 Statue for Streep  
29 Hit hard  
30 Rice-based beverages  
31 Pitcher  
32 First-grader's lessons  
33 Bat wood
- 34 Haggard heroes  
35 Questioning word  
36 Vinegar: Prefix  
38 Queke  
44 Like a fruitcake?  
45 Gi —  
47 Thought starter  
48 Not here  
49 Suspenders' alternative  
50 A Gardner  
51 Theiland, formerly  
52 Treador's target  
53 River of Zaire  
54 Lopez theme  
55 Musical abbr.  
56 Robert Wagner TV role  
57 Family members, for short

GOVERN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
DRASTIC CURE FOR CRISIS

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH  
♠ 10 9 4 2  
♥ A 8  
♦ K J 9  
♣ Q 6 5 2

WEST  
♠ K  
♥ K Q 10 5 2  
♦ 10 7 5 3  
♣ 9 7 3

EAST  
♠ A 8  
♥ 9 7 6 3  
♦ A 8 6 4  
♣ 10 8 4

SOUTH  
♠ Q J 7 6 5 3  
♥ J 4  
♦ Q 2  
♣ A K J

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♣

You don't want to take an odds-against line if there is any alternative available. But when nothing else will work, any chance is better than none at all.

With his red-suit honors of doubtful value, South briefly considered passing his partner's three-spade limit raise. However, he correctly judged his sixth spade as being worth taking a shot at game.

With any lead other than a heart, declarer would have had an easy time—he could have set up a dia-

mond in dummy for a heart discard. The lead of the king of hearts, however, meant South was in dire danger of losing two trump tricks and a trick in each red suit; by the time he had the diamond trick set up, the defenders would have the ability to win four tricks.

Since declarer could not touch trumps without going down, there was just one chance—clubs had to break 3-3 if declarer was to have any hope of avoiding a heart loser. So declarer took the ace of hearts and immediately cashed the ace-king of clubs. He continued by over-taking the jack of clubs with dummy's queen, and when both defenders followed, the contract suddenly became an odds-on favorite.

The table's good club was led, and the defenders were caught in an unusual coup. If East did not ruff, declarer would discard his heart and West would have to ruff with his trump winner for the defender's first trick; the aces of trumps and diamonds would then be the only other tricks they could get. But East ruffing with the eight proved no better. Declarer still pitched his heart. When he regained the lead he could lead a trump, and now the defenders two high trumps crashed on the same trick!

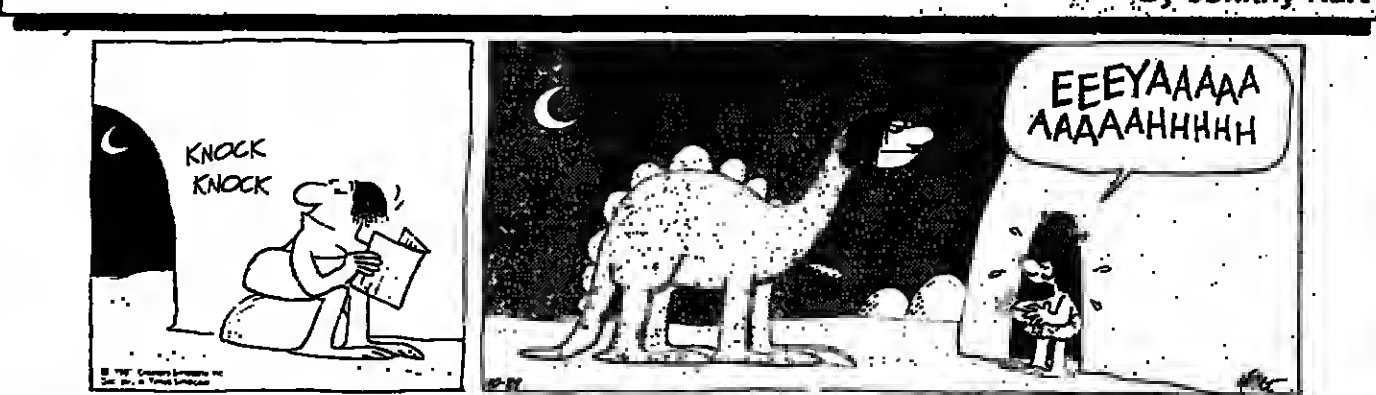
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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



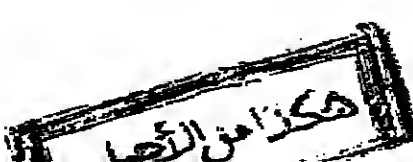
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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)  
Today the Moon's influence will help you to keep out of trouble. You will get on well with your neighbors. You will have learnt a hard lesson. Be cordial.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)  
Circumstances are favourable and you will be able to get your way in many respects. You should be prepared to make a few changes for the better. Enjoy the present time to the full. Be tolerant.
- Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)  
The situation is more favourable to you and you will have a good opportunity. Do not allow a domestic problem to go unattended. Keep your wits very much about you and watch out for errors.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)  
You will tend to jump to conclusions. You should attend to a personal matter without any further delay. Venus's influence will help you to see eye to eye with your partner. Be more patient.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)  
Today you should concentrate on dealing with a personal matter. Make doubly sure that others have understood what you wanted to convey to them. Keep your facts up to date. Be benevolent.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)  
You will be able to get a lot done. Your inventiveness will help you to deal with an unusual problem. You should make the most of what you have. Be less resentful.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)  
You should curb a desire to buy something outrageously expensive. You will not be able to get your own way in all things. Make sure you take the best care of your health. Be less suspicious.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)  
You will have somewhat greater freedom of action. You will be able to make some changes you have had in mind for a long time. An old friend will be glad to hear from you. Be resilient.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)  
You will have a good idea only if it is a little out of date. You will be able to put two and two together; make sure it is four. You should not neglect a personal matter. Be practical.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)  
You will have to act fast if you do not want a good opportunity to pass you by. To slim you will have to eat less; patent diets will not do the trick. Do not dwell on the past. Be generous.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)  
The Moon's influence will help you to enjoy yourself. You must avoid going to any kind of extremes. Something you have been trying to learn will begin to fall into place. Be less impulsive.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)  
You should avoid becoming anxious about something that could well never happen. You will miss what is not as good an opportunity as seems at the time.





## Behind the scenes of Stanley Kubrick's Full Metal Jacket

By Ivor Davis

THE Vietnam War was an experience that forever changed the lives of the men who managed to survive it. The making of the \$17 million film *Full Metal Jacket*, which tells the story of a squad of Marines fighting the battle of Hue, was only slightly less earth-shattering to those who endured it.

The true story of that vicious, nonsensical war has now only begun to be told, leading off with the Oscar-winning *Platoon*. Tales of surrealistic tribulation during "Metal Jacket's" filming, with the movie's Machiavellian producer/director Stanley Kubrick (*The Shining*, 1980), are also leaking out slowly now that the film — five years in the making — has hit movie screens throughout the world.

The actors in "Full Metal Jacket" were flown from Hollywood to east London's abandoned Beckton Gas Works, which doubled as the city of Hue, where the climactic battle of the 1968 Tet Offensive was fought. They were shaved bald and drilled like real recruits. Although they managed to keep their feet dry, they were nonetheless moved from square to square, retreated and advanced and sometimes wiped off the board at the whim of the director.

Actor Tim Colceri, 36, an ex-Marine who served in Vietnam, was signed to play *Full Metal Jacket's* Gunnery Sgt. Hartman, the foul-mouthed drill instructor who turns raw recruits into killing machines.

"It was the role of my life," he says. "I've been a Marine. I memorised 45 pages of dialogue; to this day I remember every word."

Colceri flew to London, where the Bronx-born, 59-year-old Kubrick has not budged for more than 20 years, only to be

## Fighting the Vietnam war in east London



Lee Ermy portrays Sgt. Hartman in director Stanley Kubrick's *Full Metal Jacket*.

told that the director had changed his mind. Lee Ermy, a Marine drill instructor hired as the technical adviser, would play the role.

### Killer

"Maybe he should have got a real killer to play the other role, then he could have dispensed with actors altogether," says Colceri, bitterly.

During filming, Ermy had a near-fatal car crash on an icy English road, which left him with broken ribs and punctured lung. Colceri was told to stand by.

Three months later, however,

Ermy was back on the picture. As a good-will gesture, Kubrick put Colceri in one scene as a helicopter door gunner.

"I went through as much hell on that film as I did in Vietnam," Colceri says. "But I guarantee you Stanley Kubrick will never forget me."

Kubrick is a man who can crush people's dreams with one of his constant flood of cut memos, who has right-hand man Leon Vitali relay his orders — which are said in the third person to the actors who makes his cast wear pagers, which periodically flash such instructions as "Learn pages 14 to 23

now"; who wakes them at 3 am to discuss the script; who had Ermy repeat his lines for hours while Vitali threw tennis balls and oranges at him until he could deliver his lines perfectly; who pauses in the middle of rehearsal to wipe up the droppings of his sick, old retriever or to adjust the pillows in his dog basket.

Ermy tells the story of scouting locations with Kubrick in England in a new \$50,000 Mercedes-Benz.

"Stanley spotted a place. He got so excited he turned the car over in a ditch with us all trapped inside. Totally ignoring the

rest of us, he clambered out yelling, 'Mark that spot. That's the one I want.'"

Yet Ermy, who could pick up an Oscar next year for his portrayal, refuses to acknowledge Kubrick as a tyrant.

"That's bull—," he says. "He has to rule. If you're Mr Nice Guy they'll walk all over you."

Adam Baldwin, who plays Animal Mother, has his own stories. "It was like warfare making that movie. It was hard work carrying all that gear. We were either hot or cold and for long, tedious hours there was nothing but boredom. Then the guns and the bombs were going off and it just seemed like real war would be — moments of chaotic danger and craziness mixed with long periods of boredom."

Kevyn Major Howard, who plays the rookie Stars and Stripes photographer Rafterman, talks about Kubrick as if he were a cross between an all-knowing father figure and the Dalai Lama.

"When Stanley laughs," he says, "it's as if the whole world is laughing too. He has such wit and such charm."

Indispensable

"But he wants you to know no one is indispensable. He plays with you. He manipulates you. He has a way of putting fear into people and he always has himself covered. He always knows what his next move will be and it's never to the detriment of Stanley. No one was ever allowed to feel secure on the set. There were times I felt he was going to fire me, but it always lent itself to the work. I was supposed to feel it so that the next day's takes would show Rafterman a little more on edge. And I think that happened with everyone."

Howard tells a story of how Kubrick had to sign a contract with a studio promising to give them a weekly account of how their money was being spent.

"But there was nothing in the contract about how he would keep them informed. So he wrote his reports in a military code that only the Pentagon could decipher. And there wasn't a thing those studio lawyers could do about it."

To threaten Stanley," says Howard, "is to threaten yourself. I never seen him lose."

Yet the hard-driving director also has his soft side. It was unusual for Kubrick to invite the actors to his country mansion, where he lives with his wife Christiane and his three daughters, sit them around the kitchen table and rehearse their lines over tea and toast.

"I think he enjoys the male comradeship of making films," says Howard. "He's surrounded by women at home and he likes to talk guns and sports. We'd sit around making our own food like guys in a logging camp."

Any actor who works for Kubrick knows the process will be like no other. There will be long hours of rehearsal videotaped by the omnipresent Vitali, followed by equally long sessions where opinions are solicited and apparently digested. But then comes the shoot and Kubrick may change everything you thought you had agreed upon.

And yet the director, whose greatest praise for an actor is, "He comes prepared, he knows the lines," gets away with it.

"We always understood that Stanley had the last word," says Howard. "Because of who he is, you understand he is to be trusted. He knows."



Frances Barber and Roland Gift watched by a policeman in a scene from 'Sammy and Rosie'.

## Controversial film puzzles audiences

The follow-up to *My Beautiful Laundrette* made by Stephen Frears and Hanif Kureishi, has its title modified for American audiences but still manages to offend.

By Derek Malcolm

HUGE and copiously sponsored film festivals in Canada have all paid tribute this year to the British film revival, and the most controversial British film they have screened is undoubtedly Stephen Frears' and Hanif Kureishi's *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid*.

The film, given its correct title at both the Toronto and Vancouver Festivals, but called simply *Sammy and Rosie* on its American release so as not to offend, is of course meant to do just that, being a vision of a clapped out and decadent Britain as visited by a Pakistani businessman who remembers the land of hot-battered toast and gentility of the past and is quite unprepared for the mess he discovers now.

And Vancouver, where a large number of new British films were on display, there was a huge audience for each festival screening.

It was obvious that at least half the audience were waiting for another version of *My Beautiful Laundrette*; the previous Frears-Kureishi collaboration, which played in more cinemas in North America and Canada than in Britain itself, where the clutches were chary of putting on a movie about a Pakistani and a former supporter of the National Front who become gay lovers.

The gay element on the Vancouver audience was large and vocal, and clearly disappointed when I said that *Sammy and Rosie* was something entirely different. But they seemed to like the film all the same, though there were many in the audience who felt differently.

Jay Scott, Canada's most respected critic, gave the film a rave in the *Globe and Mail*, but others were less enthusiastic. They found the film, which has the Pakistani businessman arriving home to see his son and an old flame as the streets of South London are burning after race rioting, a depressing view of Thatcher's Britain.

The last image of the film, which seems intent on proving that almost everybody has his

or her price, shows the developers' bulldozers clearing an inner-city site for a massive business development financed by the Japanese and taking with it the caravan home of one of the leading characters — a streetwise black who watches the Pakistani's discomfiture with baleful sympathy.

Kureishi's script is a better and more complete one than that provided for *My Beautiful Laundrette*, and Frears orchestrates it with some verve, as if infected by the writer's own anger. But the trouble is that there is hardly one sympathetic character.

The businessman, we discover, is not the cuddly bear he seems but a man who went into politics to shore up his fortune and was not above torturing his opponents. His son, who has a social worker wife, doesn't really like his father but is quite willing to let him buy the family a house somewhere where the situation doesn't remind him of Beirut.

All this puzzled the decidedly pro-British Vancouver audience greatly. Is Britain really so bad now? I was asked, again and again, and does the film really represent what is happening in the world? I found myself saying that it depended where you lived and where your mind was. But Kureishi and Frears had at least made a film that was light years away from the more gentle and theatrical style of your average British movie, and also from the Hollywood pap that is Canada's staple fare both on television and in the cinema.

*Sammy and Rosie*, together with other British films will be played in American and Canadian cinemas forthwith, making money faster than they could in their country of origin. It seems that North America can't get enough of them.

What they will eventually think of the flailing, irascible and anarchic successor to *My Beautiful Laundrette* is anyone's guess. But it is certain to become a landmark of a sort, like the previous film from the team.

## Carrie Fisher returns from the edge

By Dorene Internicola

NEW YORK. (Reuters) Carrie Fisher is willing to do a fourth "Star Wars" movie, especially if the script calls for Princess Leia to acquire a drinking problem.

"It would be perfect for me," said Fisher, barefoot in her elegant, but clothes-strewn, Central Park hotel room.

"She's had a hard time, I mean, all those battles. Eventually she's got to start to fall apart. Like, instead of that old movie 'I'll cry tomorrow' (about an alcoholic), it could be 'I'll fly tomorrow,'" she said in an interview.

For all her wisecracking there are no immediate plans for a fourth "Star Wars" to follow the highly-successful screen trilogy in which Princess Leia was the heroine the intense, petite 30-year-old actress has had a pretty hard time herself.

Two years ago her pill-popping ways landed her in a Los Angeles hospital at the end of a stomach pump.

But she lives to tell the tale in her first novel, "Postcards From The Edge."

Despite its doleful subject, "Postcards" is much like its author fresh, funny and

exhilarating. Fisher may be completely self-absorbed, but she is never self-pitying.

"I call my life 'bad reality, good anecdote,'" said Fisher, who describes "Postcards" as "emotionally autobiographical."

Through her heroine Suzanne Vale, "who had it all but lacked the ability to have it all," the author examines her favourite obsessions: drugs, romance, career, self.

The daughter of movie star Debbie Reynolds and singer Eddie Fisher (who left her heart and home to marry actress Elizabeth Taylor 28 years ago) was raised she frankly admits as an affluent Hollywood brat.

"Postcards" was going to be non-fiction essays, but they sounded so snide, like I was above my own environment, which I'm not," she says.

"If I saw that anything I wrote was too self-indulgent or self-pitying, I would say it in some twisted-around way," Fisher says, recalling the "pretentious poetry" she wrote at puberty.

Dorothy Parker was an early idol, and "Postcards" is punctuated with such Parker-like epigrams as "you took my breath away and now I want it

back," "I'm auctioning myself off to the lowest bidder," and "instant gratification takes too long."

Now she is writing a "Postcards" screenplay for director Mike Nichols. She hopes Debra Winger will star, "or maybe Sylvester Stallone, because I think he needs a verbal part."

Fisher landed her first movie role at 17, playing a precocious teenager opposite Warren Beatty in "Shampoo." She also appeared in "The Blues Brothers," and "Hannah And Her Sisters" but she is most famous for "Star Wars."

"At some point I decided I was just a cartoon actress," Fisher says. "Most actors feel released by their roles. I always feel I'm not letting enough out. I can do more about writing. I can self-generate."

Fisher bristles at what she calls "toxic waste people," children of celebrities who write angry exposes of their parents.

"My mom read the book while we were at one of those health spas on a mother-daughter weekend. I think she was very relieved that it was not an expose on how she never baked bread or something."

But for a self-described

"movie star," ex-drug addict, celebrity child and rock star's wife, (she was married to singer/songwriter Paul Simon for seven months), promoting a first novel can present some irritating dilemmas.

"One reporter just wanted some snide quote about Elizabeth Taylor," she said. "I mean, give me a break."

"I understand you can't do a profile without that junk, but if they want dirt, I'm not going to give it to them. What do they think I am, unconscious at the wheel?"

"One magazine called me and said: 'Your father, I've looked all over the book for him... and I can't find him. Do you hate him?' I said I don't hate Eddie Fisher for the way I am."

"So the story comes out with the headline: 'Carrie Fisher still blames self for parents' divorce.' I was two when my parents divorced. I didn't let them write what they wanted to write, so they made me a fool."

"I like my parents," said Fisher, tossing clothes into a suitcase for the trip back to her Los Angeles home.

"And may be it was a weird life, but it was my life."



Carrie Fisher: her pill popping ways landed her in hospital but she lives to tell the tale in her first novel "Postcards From The Edge."

By Judy Byrne

AT 43, gorgeous Jacqueline Bisset is still at the very top of her profession. And her latest TV mini-series *Napoleon and Josephine* has proved it.

First there is the cool million dollars fee she has just picked up for the starring role. But even more important — especially to an ageing actress — was producer David Wolper's reason for choosing her.

Wolper, who also made *Roots*, only wanted Jackie after Lesley-Anne Down turned down the female lead. Yet even as second choice many of the network's moguls thought she was TOO OLD for the part.

So he asked: "Put your hands up all those who would say 'no' to Ms Bisset. Who could say 'not tonight Jacqueline'?" Not one arm was raised and Jacqueline was cast as Josephine.

Now she can't wait for the part. She says: "Josephine is a very contemporary character. She has a joy of life, considerable generosity and certainly enjoyed sex."

Sexy Bisset has had steady success in movies for more than 20 years and 40 films. When she did not work for more than a year a little while ago it was because she chose not to. She did not need money. She was just looking for the right role.

And the stunningly-

beautiful doctor's daughter is not just a pretty face and heavenly body. She has brains and nerve, too.

She says: "I'm not driven. Someone once said of me 'she is not so much ambitious as energetic.' I don't have a clue why I have lasted. When I do anything, whether it's making a film or making a cake I want to be good."

That someone was actually top photographer Terence Donovan who knew her as long ago as 1964 when she was part-time waitress and aspiring model. Modesty prevented her adding that he also said she was "ravishing."

As he pointed out, models don't often succeed in the even more cut-throat world of acting. "It's hard work acting, and they often are not ready for that," says Donovan.

But Jacqueline Bisset has been one of the exceptions. Yet she certainly didn't have the sort of childhood that made it easy for her to go into movies.

Her Scottish family doctor father and French lawyer mother brought her up in a thatched cottage near Reading, Berks. She went to the local school, took ballet lessons in her spare time and learned to ride horses.

Birthday treats were trips to the ballet. "I hardly even saw a film until I was 15," she admits. In her teens, she transferred to a French lycée in London and simultaneously discovered

## Bisset lands the plum part of Empress Josephine

## 'Yes, tonight Jacqueline'



A veteran of over 40 films, Jacqueline Bisset is still going strong.

boys and movies. "I wanted to be an actress," she said. "But I didn't like to mention it to anyone in case they thought 'how tacky.'"

but Jacqueline has always lacked the pushiness that usually helps to make a glamorous film star. An old school friend remembers her as a dis-



Jacqueline with actor Armand Assante in the new mini-series 'Napoleon and Josephine: A Love Story'.

tinctly old-fashioned girl.

She says: "Jackie wore tweed suits and brogues and pearls and was so well-mannered and quiet." Never-

theless that proper English exterior hid a firmness of purpose that sent her tracking around auditions and looking for modelling assignments.

In 1964, she was the girl in the "Come to Britain" advertising campaign and she landed a small part as a model in *The Knack* the following year. Film-maker Roman Polanski spotted her in it and offered her her first speaking part in *Cul de Sac* a year later.

Then in 1967, she went to the United States to make *The Sweet Ride*. After the sexy role of killer Gionvanna Goodthighs in the Bond film *Casino Royale* she never looked back.

It was followed swiftly by *Bullitt* with Steve McQueen in which Jacqui was billed as the wearer of "the shortest miniskirt ever seen in a motion picture."

She went on to co-star with everyone who is anyone from Frank Sinatra to Paul Newman (twice), Nick Nolte, Christopher Reeve, Albert Finney, Paul Schofield, George Segal and Anthony Andrews.

In *The Deep*, she wore the original wet T-shirt.

In *Rich and Famous* she joined the Mile High Club, making passionate love in the loo of a jumbo jet.

And scenes from *Secrets* have become hot property among blue movie collectors — much to her annoyance.

She says: "There was this erotic scene where I fell off a bed. I slipped off backwards and more of me was exposed than was meant to be. It had taken two-and-a-half days to get me to the point of doing what I finally agreed to do.

When she discovered the accidental porn scene she thought had ended up on the cutting room floor had not, she was furious. Yet her well-to-do mother was wonderfully matter-of-fact about it.

"It is all the fashion, darling," she told her distressed daughter. Her father, who died four years ago, took it less well. As a result, Jackie vowed to reveal less in future.

"I hardly get a shoulder strap off these days," she says. "Each year I show a little less."

The remarkable thing about Jackie is that whatever she has revealed in the past she has never lost her aura of pure class.

Despite an unsuccessful Oscar nomination in 1974 for Francois Truffaut's *Day For Night*, her reputation has relied more on her beauty than her talent.

But lately, critics have been sitting up and reassessing her acting ability. Her acting status rose when she played the wife of the alcoholic British consul to Mexico in *The Volcano* and the heroine Anna Karenina in the series *Forbidden*.

The role saw her play a countess who smuggled Jews out of war-torn Germany and showed she had just the sort of bewitching charm to appear as Napoleon's Josephine.

She has her father to thank for the fact that she has never been content to rest on her looks.



# A critical appreciation of James Baldwin

## Spokesman for the human condition

By W.J. Weatherby

FEW writers have been luckier in the timing of their birth than James Arthur Baldwin, the American black novelist, playwright, essayist and civil rights advocate, who was born in Harlem, New York City's black ghetto, on August 2, 1924.

Other black American writers equally talented, such as Richard Wright, wrote at a time when American society was rigidly segregated. This limited both the scope of their work and the audience they reached. But Jimmy Baldwin came of age when this rigid society was breaking up and he rode the wave of the civil rights movement and found a popular following. Many of the older writers had gone into permanent exile in Europe and Africa. Baldwin, too, escaped to Paris when the racial situation at home seemed hopeless, but then the break-up of the system and the new racial awareness of white Americans gave him a public role.

### Best seller

Even Baldwin's angriest essay collection, *The Fire Next Time* (1963), was a big best-seller and he became a familiar performer on television in the Sixties. Much of *White America* at the time was prepared to hear the worst and Baldwin, small and intense with a Harlem preacher's style, gave it to them. Some of the older black writers like Langston Hughes, who had lived through a modest Black Renaissance in the Twenties only to see white interest fade away, warned Baldwin what to expect. In the Seventies the popular pendulum swung back again, liberalism gave way to

the conservatism of Nixon, Goldwater and Reagan, and a deepening recession pushed issues like racism into the sidelines as whites as well as blacks had to bustle for a living.

Baldwin found himself no longer in great demand as a spokesman for a movement that had lost momentum with the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and the two Kennedys. Following these murders, Baldwin feared for his own life and retreated to Europe, but as an ageing enfant terrible bringing bad news the mass of Americans no longer wanted to hear, he was no threat. His public role was reduced to that of an eccentric celebrity, and his writing no longer reached the great popular audience but only the minority readership that the older black writers like Richard Wright had had to be satisfied with.

### Image

Along with the handicap of his black image in a predominantly white society went a homosexual nature that aroused equal controversy and added even more to his eccentric reputation. His novels, *Giovanni's Room* and *Another Country*, courageously linked his racial and sexual identities at a time when homosexuality wasn't openly written about by established writers. While he was at the peak of his fame, critics were tolerant of his homosexual themes, though even then some political and cultural leaders, black as well as white, were wary of associating their name with his.

But when his season in the sun was over, his later novels were frequently attacked and even dismissed as too preoccupied with minority interests

— that is, homosexual and interracial love. This was regrettable because much of what Baldwin was conveying still mattered. He used the public attitude towards homosexuality as a subtle metaphor for racism and thus related it to the human condition in an eloquent, original way, but by then he was only being heard by a limited audience.

This embittered him and was not good for his work as an artist, which was the role he had first given himself before the civil rights movement thrust him into public life. Born the eldest of nine children in Harlem, he had been a poor but brilliant boy who had been an outstanding student in the prestigious De Witt Clinton High School and one of the most voracious readers ever to use the New York Public Library. Leaving home at 17, he took on a series of what he later called "non-literary jobs," including factory work and a waiter in a Greenwich Village restaurant. He was writing poetry and short stories and essays on the side, and these enabled him to win a couple of fellowships that helped him to move to Paris when he was 24. He lived in Europe on and off for the next eight years, often in great poverty, but "getting my head together," as he once put it, "because back home walking past a group of whites, I sometimes felt so angry I wanted to go 'bam'."

His first novel *Go Tell It On The Mountain* written and rewritten over several years, was published in 1953 to high praise. The story of a boy preacher like himself growing up in Harlem, it contained all Baldwin's later themes but was written with almost classical self-

restraint, unlike some of his later work in which the message was hammered home as if he feared readers would miss it. *Giovanni's Room*, an openly homosexual novel, followed in 1956. *Another Country* in 1962, a collection of short stories, *Going to Meet the Man*, in 1965, and then a few years apart novels like *Tell Me How Long the Train's Been Gone*, *If Beale Street Could Talk*, and *Just Above My Head*.

At the same time he was writing his powerful essays exploring the relationship between blacks and whites, which critics tended to praise at the expense of his fiction, and he published such collections as *Notes of a Native Son* (1955), *Nobody Knows My Name* (1961), and *No Name in the Street* (1971). He also wrote several plays, including *The Amen Corner* (1955), which drew from his religious experience in Harlem, and *Blues for Mr Charlie* (1964), which was inspired by his anger over the lynching of a black youth in the Deep South. He was also commissioned to adapt *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* for a Hollywood film, but fell out with the producers and the film was never made.

And, of course, in between all this literary work came his civil rights activities, including making speeches, marching, and engaging in public debates with such white public figures as Bobby Kennedy, William Buckley, the conservative editor and writer, whom Baldwin called "the intellectual James Bond," Margaret Mead the anthropologist, and Nikki Giovanni, the black poet from the generation after his.

It was astonishing that he could manage to fit in all these

varied, draining activities as well as playing dutiful son, brother and uncle to the huge Baldwin family, and although he kept retreating back to Europe for long rest periods, both the artist and the man inevitably suffered. At his best a fine stylist and a novelist with an original vision of his own, his work began to show the effects of his demanding public role, just as the man, an eloquent, warm-hearted person who had seized the opportunity the timing of his birth offered with great strength of character, slowly began to wear down under the pressures he had to bear and became more egocentric and narrowly racial in his own attitudes, so that he was in danger of being what so many original talents are forced to be in the United States — a show business character, whose pronouncements are not taken seriously.

At his peak, when he was confident of commanding a large audience, Baldwin could deal with this challenge with fine ironic humour, but in later life, as he had to strain more for attention, he often seemed to succumb to playing the role he had been given and let the artist take a back seat. This was a loss for literature, but when one takes into account how far this extraordinarily gifted man had risen and what pressures he had had to withstand — pressures unknown to white writers in the United States — it is hard to carp about what might have been. He was most himself with his family, his mother, his brothers and sisters, and his countless nieces and nephews, sitting back like a patriarch in the house on West 71st Street he had bought for his mother as soon as he had shot to fame. There he didn't need to play the



James Baldwin: American black novelist, playwright, essayist and civil rights advocate

black role the world increasingly demanded, but could just be the Jimmy Baldwin who had come such a long way but hadn't himself.

His last published book two years ago was a long essay about the murders of young blacks in Atlanta Georgia entitled *The Evidence Of Things Not Seen*. He wrote of the United States in this: "This is the only nation under heaven that contains the universe east and west, north and south, black and white. This is the only

nation in the world that can hope to liberate — to begin to liberate — mankind from the strangling idea of the national identity and the tyranny of the territorial dispute. I know this sounds remote now and that I will not live to see anything resembling this hope come to pass."

His lucid, graceful, powerful use of the English language reflected the style of the man himself who was always such lively company even in his darkest moods.

## Lamenter of lost causes

By John Grigg

IN 1951, when he was already in his mid-fifties, Nirad Chaudhuri's *Autobiography of an Unknown Indian* appeared. In the West a successful time, in his own country a success of scandal, it immediately transformed him into a literary celebrity. But he claims, probably rightly, that he could have done much better for himself by writing a biography of Nehru, from his own very distinctive standpoint.

The autobiography (now reissued in paperback by the Hogarth Press, 528pp, \$7.95) describes only the first 23 years of his life. All the same it is a long hook, and partly for that reason he had difficulty in finding a publisher for it. But he was helped, he now tells us, by Basil Liddell Hart, who had been impressed by articles he had written on military topics; and eventually the book was taken by Macmillan. He was delighted to appear under the same imprint as Kipling and Hardy.

His own focal point of autobiography ends with the publication of the first. Subtitled *"India 1921-1952,"* *Thy Hand, Great Anarch!* covers the momentous period of the Independence struggle, the Second World War, and the transfer of power. Almost twice as long as its predecessor, it is more a commentary on Indian politics, and on the general human situation, than the mere record of one man's life. But granted, some knowledge of the back of his mind and sensibility, seen also in a deep love of Western music, he remains utterly Indian, and specifically Bengali, at heart. Moreover, the faith that he has arrived at after rejecting all the orthodoxies is close to "the Hindu monism which proclaims the individual soul and the universal soul to be one."

He is a sort of Indian Solzhenitsyn, rooted in his homeland yet unable to breathe its air, a refugee in the West, who nevertheless feels that Western civilisation is in decay. His compatriots were outraged by the dedication of his *"Autobiography,"* to the British Empire in India, by which "all that was good and living within us was made, shaped and quickened." But the dedication also contains a bitter reproach to the British Raj, which "conferred subject-hood" while withholding "citizenship."

The Empire he loves is the Empire that might have been. Heresents and scorns the actual British rulers who failed to treat educated Indians like himself as equals. In this vital respect the imperial achievement of Britain falls short, in his view, of Rome's. For a time between the wars he became a fervent nationalist, but his disillusion with the national movement set in before 1939, and by independence was total. When I met him in Delhi in 1957 he was talking of Nehru and his colleagues as "brown viceroys."

His attitude to Gandhi is ambivalent. Though he turned against most of what Gandhi stood for, and is contemptuous of the Gandhi cult — particularly as shown in such Western productions as the Attentive film — he cannot quite suppress his admiration of the man. When he first saw Gandhi at close quarters in Calcutta, "What struck me was the expression on his face, which diverted all attention away from his features or figure. It was one of extraordinary innocence and benignity, with two soft beams streaming out of his eyes."

Mr Chaudhuri does not often write of a fellow human being. Criticism comes more easily to him than praise. But his cosmic disgust is redeemed by a chuckle. At 90, he is one of the world's wonders. Living now at Oxford, he is an ever brilliant and mischievous lamenter of lost causes. He deserves to be honoured by the university.

THY HAND, GREAT ANARCH: India 1921-1952 by Nirad Chaudhuri, Chatto, 912pp, £25.

## Disunited kingdom

By Hanif Kureishi

DERVLA Murphy has written books about Ethiopia and Ireland, India and Madagascar, and for her new book *Tales From Two Cities* she decided to look at and live with the Afro-Caribbean and Asian populations in Britain.

So in Bradford she takes a bedsit and in Handsworth, Birmingham, she more-or-less takes up residence in a Rasta pub. Listening to everyone who'll talk to her — shopkeepers, policemen, social workers, anti-racists, militants — and claiming to have no politics whatsoever and certainly no anti-racist stance, she records a great number of conversations at length — at great, intolerable length in fact — regardless of their interest.

### Intimacy

Every station of the liberal cross is stopped at: arranged marriages, Islamic schools, black militancy, police brutality, anti-racism and its failures, the New Right. And there is a long and detailed account of the Honeyford affair. Murphy became friend with both Honeyford ("Ray") and Jenny Woodward, who led the parents' group opposed to him.

Yet in spite of this claimed intimacy, she is incapable of offering any depth of insight into the entire business. Too often she is merely and costily concerned with herself: is she racist? Why does the appearance of a black African couple on the tube to Hampstead repel her? What does she

think of the cannabis laws? And all of it is encrusted in phrases like "mad dogs and Irish women" and "I have never been a 'Women's Liberation Activist'."

In the second half of this over-long book, she manages to become almost accepted into Rasta life in Birmingham and she mingles with small-time drug-dealers and unemployed black kids, some of whom throw ice at her. She was there on the street when the Handsworth rebellion broke out and two Asian men were burned to death in the Lozells Road post office (and Douglas Hurd had to be unceremoniously heaved into the back of a police van and accelerated out of the area).

At this point the book does become interesting and dramatic because Murphy is actually taking part in something, not looking on and wondering, not just fighting for clarity. Recently there have been two excellent accounts of British decay and division: Ian Jack's *Before The Oil Ran Out* and Robert Chesshyre's superb *The Return Of A Native Reporter*. Dervla's Murphy's book is feeble in comparison, undisciplined and unfocused. But there is also something tiresome and futile about the whole method of telling she has adopted: uncommitted journalism goes into "unexplored" Britain to tell us the truth behind the headlines and what these strange people are really like.

What we need now are novels, films, plays and stories told by writers from these com-



Dervla Murphy: exploring another side of Britain

munities themselves; writers who can give an experienced and felt sense of life. We need our own Toni Morrissons, Maya Angelous and Alice Walkers who can tell us passionate and true stories of hearts and lives, not all these pseudo-sociologists describing turthans and talking about "diversity."

This necessary wave of informed writing is a long time

coming; we may have to wait another 15 years for it. And this is partly because Loodoo publishers are mostly too lazy, narrow-minded and indifferent to leave the Groucho Club and search out the writing of those who really have something original to tell us.

Tales From Two Cities, by Dervla Murphy (John Murray, £12.95).

## Travels with a prince

By Kenneth Rose

AMBITIOUS and calculating even at 19, Lieutenant Lord Louis Mountbatten RN wangled himself on to the staff of the Prince of Wales for his Empire tours of 1920-22. One was to New Zealand, Australia and British colonies in the Pacific and the Atlantic; the other to India, the Far East and Japan, to all they lasted seven months and covered 50,000 miles.

On the instructions of the Prince's chief of staff, Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, Mountbatten kept a light-hearted diary of the first tour, 20 copies of which were produced on the printing press of HMS Renown. What was intended to entertain a small circle of courtiers nearly became a bestseller when the ship's doctor absconded with a copy and was detected offering it to an American journalist for £5,000; about £65,000 in the currency of today.

Halsey took no such risk during the second tour. But Mountbatten continued to keep a private record for himself and his immediate family. Philip Ziegler, who drew on both diaries for his authorised life of Mountbatten, has now edited them for publication with an admirable short introduction and footnotes that are often more illuminating than the text itself.

The *Diaries of Lord Louis Mountbatten* should not be judged by the standards of Grevel Greville, Nicolson or Chanoir. It is the work of a young man in a hurry, written in snapshots between the Prince's official engagements.

Another distraction was his pursuit throughout the Indian tour of Edwina Ashley, who in Viceregal Lodge, Delhi, agreed to become his wife. Lady Reading was embarrassed that this should have happened under her roof, and wrote to Edwina's father: "I hoped she would care



Lord Mountbatten at play with the then Prince of Wales, who was to abdicate his throne. His intimacy with the heir to the throne was frowned upon by some.

for someone older, with more of a career before him."

In attendance on Queen Victoria during a visit to Coburg in 1894, Sir Henry Ponsonby complained: "So what with uniform and not uniform, one is all day dressing or bothering."

A generation later nothing had changed except the speed of locomotion. The reader will acquire a knowledge scarcely less profound than Mountbatten's of his 27 pieces of baggage containing every variation of apparel known to the Royal Navy by morning, noon and night, on land and at sea, on duty and off. Like his great-uncle King Edward VII, he was an accomplished master of haberdashery.

### Detail

There is also much wearisome detail about sport, if such a word may be used of putting at a cornered tiger from the back of an elephant, chasing black buck in a Rolls Royce, watching emus and kangaroos being torn to pieces by dogs. Nor had the smoked-salmon socialist of the 1930s yet deviated from the conventional beliefs of his class and calling. His views on trade unionists were caustic.

Mountbatten did, however, record two political observations that were to cast long shadows. He wrote of Japan: "I received the impression that there was a power to be reckoned with in a way in which no one who has not been here and

seen for himself can possibly conceive." And he noted that hostility to the Raj was more marked in British India than in the Princely States. One lesson coloured his mature years, the other did not.

Only occasionally does the diarist confess what we now know from other sources: that his bumptiousness and flaunting intimacy with the heir to the throne grated on a staff of older and more experienced men. King George V, never slow to rebuke his eldest son, was furious to see a newspaper photograph of the two cousins side by side in a swimming pool. "Hardly dignified," he wrote, "you might as well be photographed naked, no doubt it would please the public."

The Prince of Wales did not share his flag lieutenant's brash self-confidence. In his 26th year he still endured tortures of shyness and melancholy only partly relieved by a masochistic addiction to violent exercise and a sparse diet. Yet the unwilling focus of an Empire's adulation steered himself to carry off the tour with courage, panache and charm.

Sometimes he showed imagination, too. In Panama, Mountbatten writes, the Prince shook hands "with coloured men, a thing an American would never have done."

THE DIARIES OF LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN 1920-1922 edited by Philip Ziegler, Collins, 315pp, £15.

## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## ESTROGEN DEFICIENCY PLAYS A BIG ROLE IN HOT FLASHES

QUESTION: I am approaching the "change in life" years and I am quite worried. I've heard a lot about "hot flashes," but I'm really not sure what they are. Can you explain?

ANSWER: Almost nine out of 10 women going through menopause will experience hot flashes. In many women, these flashes may begin before the last menstruation. Some of the flashes are related to blood-vessel constriction and dilatation, according to experts.

Estrogen deficiency plays a big role. As menopause sets in, the ovaries slow down their production of estrogen. The pituitary gland does not recognise that this has happened, so it works to stimulate the ovaries. All these chemical actions within your body make your internal temperature fluctuate and produce the flashes.

Some women experience warning signals that they are about to have a flash. They feel like they are boiling up and ready to burst. They may experience warmth in the face, neck and chest. The skin may become reddish and flushed. Perspiration usually occurs. Women with severe flashes may perspire intensely. Once the heat attack is over,

there is often a chilled feeling and even some shivering. I realise that all of this sounds very frightening, but it is important to remember that these flashes are not dangerous, just very uncomfortable. If you are lucky, you may only experience these flashes a few times a week.

The hot flashes usually last a few minutes, although in severe cases, they may last an hour. If the flashes bother you, tell your physician, as there are medications that can help.

Fortunately, in 50 per cent of cases, the hot flashes last only a year. About 30 per cent of women may experience the flashes for up to 2 1/2 years.

QUESTION: Can you discuss the meaning of amblyopia? What causes it?

ANSWER: Amblyopia is decreased or poor vision in an eye that has no detectable damage either in itself or the visual pathway. The eye does not develop normal sight during early childhood, usually because the child experiences double vision from a turned-eye condition and so suppresses the image falling on the turned-in-eye to avoid seeing double. The eye then becomes "lazy" from not being used. Vision is now poor in

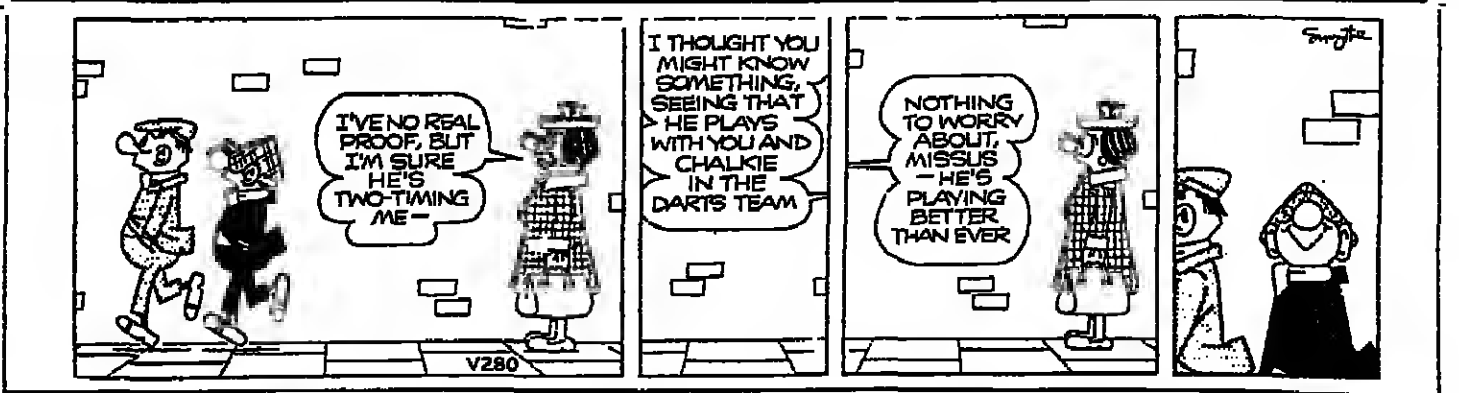
that eye and the eye is considered to be amblyopic. This also occurs when one eye is out of focus with the other because of a stronger degree of nearsightedness, farsightedness or astigmatism.

Children should be checked at 6 months, certainly before age 3, so the doctor can diagnose and treat the condition while the child is still young. Once the visual system is completely developed, vision in the eye cannot be restored. Remember that the condition can go undetected because the child is not aware that he is seeing out of only one good eye. Careful eye examinations will reveal vision problems as well as any eye disease such as a cataract, which may lead to amblyopia.

Treatment for amblyopia involves forcing the child to use the weak eye. The stronger eye will be patched; glasses may be prescribed to correct errors in focusing; surgery or exercises may be recommended to correct misaligned eyes. Early detection and prompt treatment can prevent the blindness that can develop from amblyopia.

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By Smith



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## Argentina overcome W. Germany in friendly

BUENOS AIRES, Dec 18, (Reuters): Argentine soccer superstar Diego Maradona led the world champions to a 1-0 (0-0) win over West Germany on Wednesday, their third straight success over the side they beat in the 1986 World Cup final.

The Argentine captain was in top form in a brilliant second half, setting up the only goal in the 55th minute for Jorge Burruchaga, scorer of the winning goal in the World Cup final in Mexico.

Maradona broke free of his marker Wolfgang Roloff on the left and advanced into the penalty area dribbling his way past three other defenders to put the ball in Burruchaga's path.

**Recovering**  
Burruchaga, playing for Argentina for the first time since the Mexico triumph, after recovering from an injury, tapped the ball under the body of young goalkeeper Bodo Illgner.

A 48,000-strong crowd, hoping for a feast of goals, urged the Argentine side on, but the world champions squandered a string of solid scoring opportunities.

Maradona failed to crown a superb performance when his shot from a pass by substitute Aldo Troglia skimmed the outside of Illgner's right-hand post. In another close call for West Germany, striker Jose Luis Rodriguez, leading scorer in the Argentine First Division, had to Illgner to beat but was slow to allow the goalkeeper to kick his shot.

But the young and relatively experienced German side, once captain Lothar Matthäus was the only veteran of the World Cup final kept Argentina away in an even first half.

**Visitors**  
Uergen Klinsmann, Germany's leading scorer, nearly put visitors in the lead midway through the first half, but his header from a corner hit a post. In the second half, Argentina took initial control of midfield.

West Germany had no clear ring chances.

Burruchaga and Real Madrid's Jorge Valdano, in his first official match in nine months after suffering from hepatitis, led Argentina to their best performance and only their second victory in seven matches.

Argentina's third victory over West Germany since Carlos Bilardo took over as national team boss and in Beckenbauer took charge of the German side.

**Young**  
It was also Argentina's first victory over the Germans at home, although the world champions increased their record over West Germany to 5-3 in 10 meetings.

The defeat was West Germany's first in nine matches in 87 and only their second since a 4-0 World Cup final.

But Beckenbauer was privy to many leading players in his squad's South American tour and said his goal was to give a young team some international experience before hosting the European Championship 1988.

West Germany drew 1-1 with Brazil on Saturday in an opening tour match.

"We are a very young team with great chances for the future," said the promising 23-year-old Klinsmann, after playing only his second full international.

"Maradona was great, he had a fantastic match," he added.

**Injury**  
Bild said Becker, his manager on Tuesday and new coach Bob Hoenes had agreed that the player would rest from competition to allow the injury to heal properly.

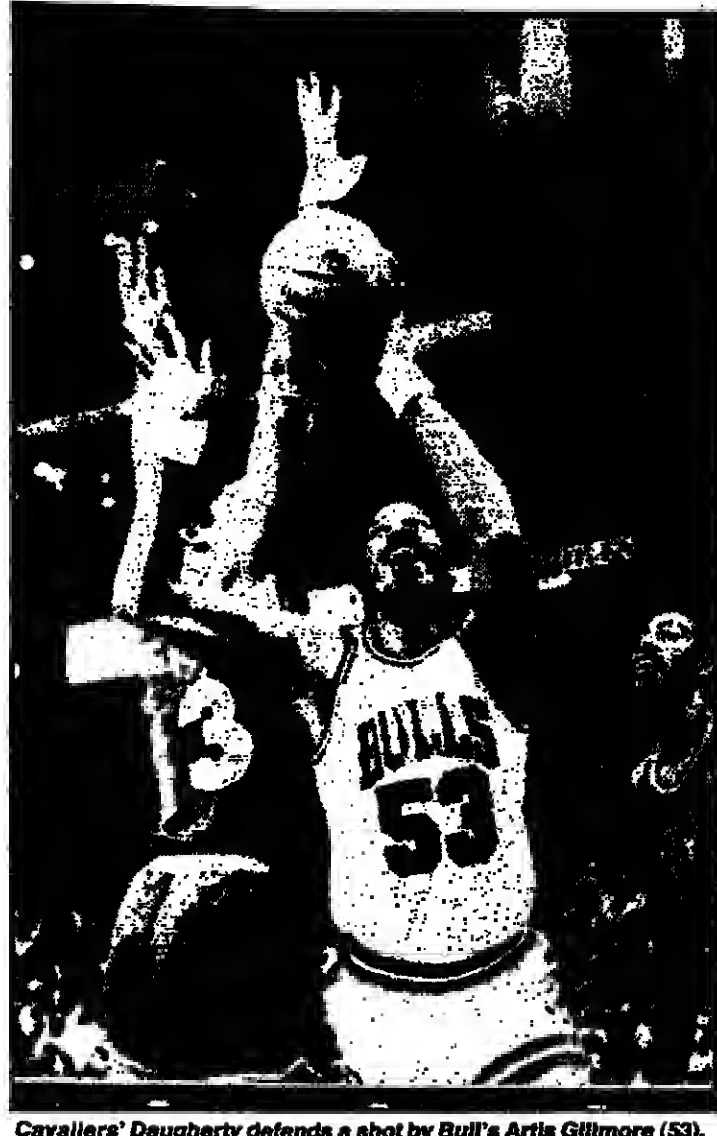
Becker will return to the courts at the end of January for three exhibition matches with world number one Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, two in Japan and one in West Germany.

**Graf has nose operation**  
HAMBURG, West Germany, Dec 18, (Reuters): Steffi Graf, the world's number one women's tennis player, has undergone surgery to correct a sinus problem, the mass circulation Bild newspaper said yesterday.

The three-hour operation on Wednesday was in Weinheim,

## SAMPSON AND JOHNSON SHINE

# Lakers hold off Warriors



Cavaliers' Daugherty defends a shot by Bulls' Artis Gilmore (53). (Reuters radiophoto)

NEW YORK, Dec 18, (AP): Ralph Sampson played with the enthusiasm of a rookie in his first game with the Golden State Warriors.

That would have been fine against most teams, but the Los Angeles Lakers played with the enthusiasm of champions down the stretch and beat the Warriors 113-106 last night by outscoring them 22-5 in the final 6:39.

"I came in here off a long flight, but very excited and with a new attitude as though I was just drafted out of college," said Sampson, who had 24 points and eight rebounds in his debut with the Warriors after being acquired from Houston in a blockbuster trade last Saturday night.

With a sellout crowd of 15,025 cheering Sampson's every move, he led them to a 101-91 lead before the Lakers pulled away behind Magic Johnson, who had 31 points and 17 assists.

In other NBA games, it was Philadelphia 106, New York 96; Washington 115, Indiana 111 in overtime; Chicago 111, Cleveland 100; Los Angeles Clippers 98, Houston 92; and Seattle 114, Sacramento 109.

The Warriors, 3-16 this season, did remarkably well considering the turmoil in the team in the last week.

Top-scorer Chris Mullin went to alcohol rehabilitation, all-stars Sleepy Floyd and Joe Barry Carroll left in the Sampson deal and troubled second-year forward Chris Washburn was traded to Atlanta.

Sampson outplayed Lakers centre Kareem Abdul-Jabbar,

who less than two weeks ago had his streak of double-figure games stopped at 787. Abdul-Jabbar finished with eight points.

**Bulls 111, Cavaliers 100**  
Michael Jordan scored an NBA season high 52 points and triggered a 12-0 spurt down the stretch with a short jumper that put Chicago ahead of Cleveland with 4:28 left. Brad Daugherty scored 22 points for the Cavaliers.

**Clippers 98, Rockets 92**  
Michael Cage had a career-high 23 rebounds and Mike Woodson scored 28 points for Los Angeles against Houston, which scored just two points in the final 7:46. In their second game for Houston since the Sampson trade, Floyd was 2-for-12 and scored six points and Carroll was 1-for-4 with four points.

**Sonics 114, Kings 108**  
Tom Chambers matched his career high with 42 points and Xavier McDaniel scored six during an 8-0 Seattle spurt down the stretch against Sacramento. The Kings, 0-8 on the road this season, got 21 points each from Otis Thorpe and Mike McGee.

**76ers 106, Knicks 96**  
Charles Barkley had 40 points and 17 rebounds in Philadelphia's victory at New York. Mark Jackson led New York with 19 points and 12 assists.

**Bullets 115, Pacers 111**  
Bernard King scored six of his 23 points in overtime, including a tie-breaking basket with 30 seconds left, lifting Washington over Indiana. Moses Malone led the Bullets with 31, and Chuck Person scored a season-high 35 for the Pacers.



Washington's Charles Johnson (left) attempts to deny Indiana's Steve Stipanovich a shot at the basket. (Reuters radiophoto)

## Johnson and Graf win sports awards

LONDON, Dec 18, (UPI): Canadian Ben Johnson, who scored a memorable 100 metres world record in August, and West German Steffi Graf, who displaced Martina Navratilova as the No. 1 women's tennis player in the world this year, were named today as UPI's Sportsman and Sportswoman for 1987 in a poll of European sports editors.

Johnson polled 172 votes, 56 more than cyclist Stephen Roche of Ireland, who won an historic treble of Tour de France, Giro d'Italia and the world championship.

**Collect**  
Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl, ranked the top men's tennis player in the world was third with 62 votes.

Graf totalled 146 votes, 34 more than American heptathlete Jackie Joyner-Kersey who collected 112.

Bulgarian Stefka Kostadinova, who had another glittering athletics season, culminating in a world championship title and world record of 2.09 metres in the World Championship in Rome, was third on 80 votes.

Since the poll began in 1974, track and field athletes have won the men's award 11 times including Johnson's success this year.

The only other tennis player to win the women's section have been Chris Evert (1981) and Martina Navratilova (1984). Navratilova finished 10th in the women's nominations this year.

Johnson, who will be 26 on Dec 30, had a superb season on the track where he was unbeaten over 100 metres. At his peak period during August his "average" time for the 100 metres was under 10.0 seconds.

**Defeats**  
Graf, still only 18, completed the year with merely two losses in 77 matches. The two defeats were in the finals of the two biggest championships, Wimbledon and the US Open.

During the year she also won the French and Italian Opens and played consistently well throughout to displace Navratilova as the World's No. 1 ranked player.

The Frenchwoman said she unwittingly ingested the ephedrine, which has the potential to stimulate nerve fibres and produce a boost similar to that obtained from adrenaline, when she used an antihistamine to relieve allergy symptoms.

She faced an automatic suspension of up to six months from the FFC, but the group voted not to imposing any sanctions.

**Snapped**  
Premier Division clubs have used up their quota of one overseas player and Jansher was snapped up by the Stripes when he became available.

Meads, a squash coach at his local club, is the reigning British closed under-19 champion, but only played Jansher when the club's regular number one had to pull out because his wife was expecting a baby.

**Marsh loses job**  
LONDON, Dec 18, (AP): Former world light-welterweight boxing champion Terry Marsh, who was forced to quit the sport after discovering he was epileptic, was told yesterday he had lost his job as a fireman.

## Liverpool set to open gap

LONDON, Dec 18, (Reuters): Unbeaten Liverpool, five points ahead of Arsenal in the English First Division, will seek to increase their lead and psychological ascendancy over their challengers when they entertain Sheffield Wednesday tomorrow.

Players-manager Kenny Dalglish's team have won 13 and drawn five matches, scoring 43 goals in the process. Struggling Wednesday are unlikely to halt such impressive progress at Anfield.

**Perfect**  
And with all their leading challengers — Arsenal, Nottingham Forest, Everton and Manchester United — due to meet one another during the Christmas and New Year period, Liverpool have a perfect opportunity to build a daunting advantage

before 1988 is a week old.

Even Howard Wilkinson, the Sheffield club's manager, sounded resigned to an unrelenting exercise ahead as he heaped praise on the team which has earned comparisons this season with Liverpool's great European Cup-winning teams.

"Liverpool will be favourite to beat most teams," he said. "It is a great challenge and a test of temperament. If you cannot play for Liverpool then the next best thing is to play against them."

"It is a tremendous opportunity and a problem... We are not defeatists, but it would be impossible to overestimate the size of our task."

"When you look at their record over the last 20 years, they have to go down as the best club side in the world."

Meanwhile, Manchester

United will be giving a debut to central defender Steve Bruce, their £825,000 (\$1.5 million) signing from Norwich yesterday, at Portsmouth.

"I think he will be worth every penny," said manager Alex Ferguson after the completion of the drawn-out transfer deal.

Arsenal face Everton in the day's top fixture. Defeat would be a severe blow to either side's championship ambitions, as Everton's England midfielder Trevor Steven admitted.

"We're not kidding ourselves about the size of the task ahead," he said. "If we drop points in the next fortnight, there will be a awful lot of daylight between us and Liverpool."

Nottingham Forest, 10 points behind the leaders in third place, but one ahead of fourth-placed Everton, visit Oxford.

**Dutch seeded for Euro-tourney**  
DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Dec 18, (Reuters): The Netherlands became the fourth and last nation to be seeded for next June's European soccer championship after their victory over Greece on Wednesday, tournament organisers announced yesterday.

West Germany as hosts and England as the nation with the best record in the last World Cup qualifiers and the current European qualifiers will head Groups One and Two respectively in the eight-nation tournament.

Italy and the Netherlands, as the teams with the next best records, will head second seeds. The draw will decide which goes in Group of One and Two.

The four unseeded nations are Spain, the Soviet Union, Denmark and Ireland.

## UEFA cut Brady ban

ZURICH, Dec 18, (Reuters): The European Football Union (UEFA) cut its four-match ban on Liam Brady to two matches yesterday, after an appeal by the Irish international.

Brady was sent off for retaliation in Ireland's European Championship qualifying match against Bulgaria in Dublin on October 14.

The ban was for "particularly violent behaviour" in the Group Seven tie, won 2-0 by Ireland.

After an appeal board meeting, UEFA said consideration had been given to the player's exemplary record. It also said it did not think Brady had been truly violent.

The control and disciplinary committee banned Brady last month from the next four UEFA-organised international matches, effectively ruling him out of next June's European Championship in West Ger-

many.

Irish team manager Jack Charlton said Brady would be included in the side even though he would miss the first two matches in West Germany.

"Liam is the main reason we have qualified for our first major finals at international level," Charlton said. "He will be a member of my 20-man squad."

Meanwhile Hajduk Split's appeal against a two-year ban from European club competitions because of a tear gas incident at their Cup Winners' Cup tie against Marseille was rejected by UEFA.

UEFA's control and disciplinary committee last month also banned the Yugoslav First Division side from using their stadium for any UEFA-organised matches for the next two seasons.

## Becker opts out of Open

ONN, Dec 18, (Reuters): Former Wimbledon champion Boris Becker has decided to take a break from competitive tennis for six weeks and will miss next month's Australian Open, the mass-circulation Bild newspaper reported today.

The 20-year-old West German, who has a contract with Bild, has been receiving treatment in Munich for a chronic knee injury since returning from the Masters in New York last week.

Bild said Becker, his manager on Tuesday and new coach Bob Hoenes had agreed that the player would rest from competition to allow the injury to heal properly.

Becker will return to the courts at the end of January for three exhibition matches with world number one Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, two in Japan and one in West Germany.

His first official competition will be the first round Davis Cup tie with Brazil in Essen from February 5-7.

Becker has fallen from second to fifth in the world rankings this year after a season in which he was plagued by illness, injury and erratic form.

Tiriac said in an interview this week he was prepared to bet that Becker would become the world number one within two years if he followed Brett's instructions.

Becker's slide followed his break with previous coach Gunter Bosch last January. After a long search for a suitable replacement he hired Australian Brett earlier this month.

Asked to explain the difference in the methods of the two coaches, Tiriac said: "I never understood that Bosch only worked on Boris' strengths. Brett is trying to get rid of his weaknesses. That's the right way."

near her hometown of Brühl.

"Her nose is still frozen up, but the operation was carried out without complications," Graf's father, Peter, was quoted as saying. Bild said Graf's sinus problem had left her prone to frequent sniffles and coughing on court.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Civil Engineering of Kuwait University is pleased to invite engineers and researchers to a lecture titled: "Strategies for Improved Road Safety"

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## SPORTS

## QADIR HAMMERS ENGLAND BOWLERS

## Aamir lifts Pakistan out of trouble

KARACHI, Dec 18, (Reuters): All-rounder Aamir Malik, playing in only his second Test, batted doggedly throughout the day for an unbeaten 91 to make almost certain of a Pakistan victory in the three-match cricket series against England.

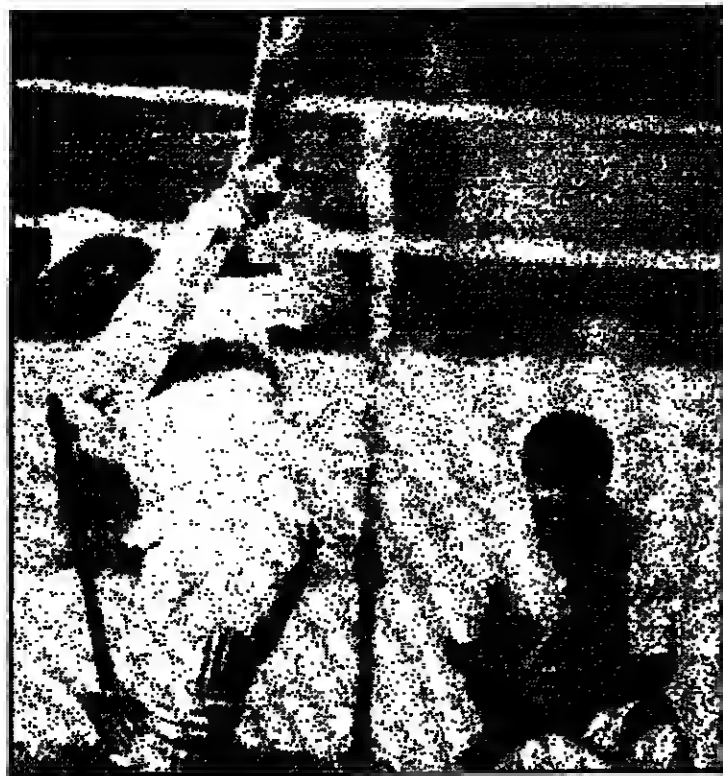
Already one up in the series, Pakistan began the third day of the final Test on a precarious 122 for four but despite the loss of two early wickets, Aamir remained unflinching to take the score to 345 for eight by the close.

**Shared**  
England made 294 in their first innings.

Aamir laboured for 330 minutes to add a further 90 to the single he had scored yesterday and shared in stands of 76 and 94 with Wasim Akram and Abdul Qadir to make a draw the most likely outcome.

After Saleem Malik was out in the second over of the day at his overnight 55 and Asrar Ali was gone for 12 to make Pakistan 146 for six, Aamir found a more reliable partner in Wasim Akram.

The pair took the score to 222 before Wasim became Bruce French's third victim behind the stumps after he had made 37 but England's frustration continued.



Aamir hits a six off Emburey. (Reuters radiophoto)

Off-spinner John Emburey came in for some heavy punishment as Qadir lashed four sixes and six fours and the scoring rate speeded up as the pair added 50 runs in 70 minutes after the tea interval.

One mighty pull went to the long-leg fence and another through mid-off which took Pakistan past the England total. A further four to mid-wicket off Cook by Qadir hoisted the 300.

With Pakistan's score on 304 for seven, and Aamir on 72, he was dropped by Cook off his own bowling, but by then any chance of an England victory to square the series had disappeared.

Qadir hit Emburey for two sixes in an over to complete his half century and pass his previous highest Test score of 54 made against New Zealand at Wellington in 1984-85.

The magical leg-spinner, who took five wickets in England's innings, was finally out for 61 when David Capel, given the ball only late in the day, bowled him middle stump to take his first Test wicket.

Qadir made 61 and fellow spinner Iqbal Qasim denied England any further success to finish unbeaten on 10.

The match continues on Sunday after a rest day tomorrow.

## Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings (overnight 222 for seven): G. Gooch c Asrar Ali b Wasim 12, C. Broad lbw b Wasim 7.

W. Athey b Qadir 26, M. Gatting b Qadir 18, N. Fairbrother c sub b Jaffer 3, D. Capel b Qadir 98, P. Defreitas b Qadir 12, J. Emburey c Qadir b Jaffer 70, B. French c Misand h Salim Malik 31, N. Cook lbw b Qadir 2, G. Dillley not out 15, Extras (lb 8 w 1 nb 6) 15, Total 294.

Fall of wickets: 1-20 2-41 3-55 4-72 5-72 6-85 7-199 8-274 9-291.

Bowling: Wasim 24.1-3-64-2, Jaffer 23.5-6-74-2, Qadir 49.4-16-88-5, Qasim 18-4-51-0, Misand 1-1-0-0, Salim Malik 5-2-9-1.

PAKISTAN, first innings (overnight 122 for four): Mudassar Nazar lbw b Defreitas 6, Rameez Raja c French b Cook 50, Salim Malik c Gatting b Defreitas 55, Javed Misand lbw b Emburey 4, Ejaz Ahmad run out 0, Asrar Ali c French b Dillley 91, Asrar Ali c French b Dillley 12, Wasim Akram c French b Defreitas 37.

Abdul Qadir b Capel 61, Iqbal Qasim not out 10, Extras (lb 11 nb 8) 19, Total (for eight wickets) 345.

Fall of wickets: 1-18 2-105 3-110 4-110 5-122 6-146 7-222 8-316.

To bat: Salim Jaffer. Bowling to date: Dillley 21-2-102-1, Defreitas 28-3-80-3, Emburey 49-2-88-1, Cook 33-12-56-1, Capel 3-0-8-1.



An action shot of the match. (Photo by Amr Jaded)

## Kuwait beat Iraq in qualifier

THE Kuwait national soccer team beat Iraq 2-1 yesterday in an Olympic qualifying match marred by unsporting behaviour of some members of the Iraqi team at the end of the match.

Kuwait, which completed its first round of the two-leg matches, went on to the attack from the start of the game played at Kuwait's Sahah Al Salem stadium.

## Strongly

The home sides' efforts paid off in the 6th minute when Wael Sulaiman beat the Iraqi goalkeeper to put his team ahead. Iraq fought back strongly but their forwards squandered the chances that came their way.

Abdul Aziz Al Hajri made it 2-0 for Kuwait in the 22nd minute of the first half which ended at the same score.

In the second half, the Iraqi team went on the offensive but were held off by the Kuwait defence line. Iraq, however, nar-

rowed the margin in the 20th minute of the second half through Kareem Alawi, who took advantage of a lapse by the Kuwaiti defenders, to give his team a chance of getting back into the game.

The Iraqi team tried desperately to get the equaliser but were held off by the Kuwaiti defence.

After the game, some of the Iraqi players, including the coach, tried to vent their fury on the referee but the security men did not allow the situation to get out of control.

The president of the Kuwait Football Association, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, in a statement after the match, said that there was no cause for such incidents in matches between Kuwait and Iraq.

Sheikh Fahd added that such incidents would not affect the brotherly relations between the two countries as Kuwait has

always stood by Iraq. Such incidents, he said, take place all over the world but as the incident took place in a meeting of brothers and in Kuwait, it is a point not in favour of the Arab sports movement in general.

Sheikh Fahd congratulated the Kuwaiti team on its victory and asked them to carry on to the same spirit to achieve their aim of qualifying for the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

He added that the result of the match was a decisive reply to the critics of the team.

Meanwhile in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and Qatar drew 1-1 in a qualifying match of the same group. Ahmed Jamel scored for Saudi Arabia in the 48th minute while Isa Ahmed got the equaliser for Qatar in the 61st minute.

Kuwait now leads the group with five points from three games, followed by Iraq with three points and Qatar and Saudi Arabia each with two.

## TCCB chief supports idea of neutral umpires

KARACHI, Dec 18, (Reuters): England's Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) chairman Raman Subba Row supports the idea of neutral umpires in international cricket.

Subba Row said it was his personal view. The TCCB had no official view on the question yet, he added, but the matter could be on the agenda of the next International Cricket Conference (ICC) meeting in London.

He said that a TCCB committee will discuss the question of neutral umpires, the board can then consider any recommendations and could decide to put a resolution before the ICC.

Row said his personal view was that "every visiting team must have the option, if they want, to have a third-country umpire... if the host country agrees. The request, I think, should be made three months in advance."

He said he had a thorough discussion with the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) officials on the Faisalabad umpiring incident.

## Recorded

Meanwhile, Pakistan cricket officials are to investigate the public row between England captain Mike Gatting and umpire Shakoor Rana which may have been recorded through a special effects microphone.

A television sound microphone placed near the pitch could have picked up heated remarks between Gatting and Shakoor on the second day of the second Test in Faisalabad which were believed to be on tape.

The row, which was sparked over a fielding change by Gatting as the bowler ran, caused the loss of the third day's play and put the rest of the tour in jeopardy.

Asked about reports of a tape recording of the row, England manager Peter Lush said: "At least I do not have any knowledge of such tape and nothing has been mentioned to me since the incident occurred."

Subba Row said officials of the BCCP made no mention of such a tape during meetings with him.

"If the tape does exist why was it not produced?" Subba Row asked. "It will be useful as far as we are concerned."

Pakistan's television authorities, however, deny that there is such sound tape with them.

A committee set up by the BCCP to make a full inquiry into the incident is due to interview England players on Sunday evening.

## Dennis appeals

LONDON, Dec 18, (Reuters): Queens Park Rangers defender Mark Dennis has appealed against a 53-day suspension imposed on him by the English Football Association (FA) for bringing the sport into disrepute.

As a result, he will be available to play for Rangers in their Christmas and New Year matches in the English First Division until his appeal is heard.

Dennis's punishment followed the 11th sending off in his 10-year career.

## Dujon hits 123 in W. Indian run spree

VISAKHAPATNAM, India, Dec 18, (Reuters): West Indies wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon, who could win a place on the strength of his accomplished batting alone, recaptured form by hammering his first century on the tour of India today.

Dujon scored a rapid 123 as the West Indians rattled up 347 for nine, at which point Viv Richards declared at the close of the opening day of their three-day match against the Indian Cricket Board President's XI.

## Promoted

Dujon has rarely batted at his best since West Indies arrived on the sub-continent for the World Cup that preceded the current tour, but he was promoted to

number three here and seized his opportunity with relish.

The wicketkeeper-batsman came in after an opening stand of 80 in 19 overs by Richie Richardson and Phil Simmons, who made clear their intentions from the start after Richards won the toss on a turning pitch.

Once the local team's modest seam attack had been put to the sword, the Indians relied on their slow bowlers to shoulder the attack, and off-spinner Gopal Sharma, who took six for 104, and Raman shared the wickets.

Gopal Sharma made the breakthrough by getting Richardson to edge a delivery to Anshuman Gaekwad in the slips after he made 43, containing five fours and one six. Simmons was next to go, play-

ing down three wrong line and being bowled by Raman for 47, with eight fours.

Dujon and Gopal shared a third wicket partnership of 100, with the wicketkeeper hitting eight fours and two sixes before he was caught by Lalchand Rajput off Sharma.

Sharma also accounted for Logie, who struck eight fours in making 54.

Richards was among the few batsmen who failed to get among the runs, scoring just six before being caught by Rashid Patel off Raman.

## Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings: R. Richardson c Gaekwad b G. Sharma 43, P. Simmons b Raman 47.

J. Dujon c Rajput b G. Sharma 123, G. Logie c A. Sharma b G. Sharma 54, C. Hooper c and b Raman 22, V. Richards c Patel b Raman 46, D. Williams c Gaekwad b G. Sharma 10.

C. Burtis lbw b G. Sharma 3, W. Davis not out 20, Extras (lb 11 lb 4 nb 3) 18, Total (for nine wickets declared) 347.

Did not bat: W. Basford. Fall of wickets: 1-80 2-100 3-202 4-204 5-240 6-249 7-263 8-273.

Bowling: Singh 6-0-31-0, Patel 7-1-30-0, Raman 32-4-94-3, G. Sharma 33.5-10-64-6, Gudge 11-1-49-0, Gaekwad 2-0-9-0, A. Sharma 2-0-15-0.

INDIA: A. Gaekwad (captain), S. Vishwanath, Lalchand Rajput, S. Manjrekar, Sunil Gadge, Ajay Sharma, W.V. Ramana, Gopal Sharma, Khalid Qasim, Rashid Patel, Randhir Singh.

## Kasparov needs win to retain title

SEVILLE, Spain, Dec 18, (Reuters): World chess champion Garry Kasparov, needing a win to retain his crown against challenger Anatoly Karpov, made a patient start to the last game of their title match today.

Chess experts felt his best chance for victory was to play a waiting game, keeping pieces on the board and hoping for Karpov, who won the 23rd game yesterday, to crack under the tension.

In the early middle game this was clearly his aim.

"If he had a strong aggressive system that couldn't be defused he would have used it," Dutch grandmaster Hans Ree told Reuters.

## Analysis

"He's playing for fantastic adjournment analysis," Ree said, meaning Kasparov could play until the game was adjourned after today's five-hour first session to be able to analyse his position overnight.

Kasparov, 24, faced the daunting task of recovering from 11-12 points down to tie the 24-game



Judge Geurd Gidssen from Holland reaches across the chessboard to make Karpov's 41st move which had been sealed in the 23rd game. (Reuters radiophoto)

match at 12-12. In that case, as champion, he would retain the title.

He was playing with the

advantage of the white pieces but he had to pull back from the psychological low of defeat in the penultimate game yesterday.

## Horne solves Kiwis' problem

DEVONPORT, Tasmania, Dec 18, (Reuters): A century by Phil Horne improved New Zealand's hopes of solving its Test opening batting problem on the first day of the tourists' four-day cricket match against Tasmania today.

Playing in only his second first class match of the tour, he made 125 in 294 minutes with 16 fours. But struggling captain Jeff Crowe again failed to get the big score he was looking for when he was run out for 36.

At stumps on the first day New Zealand was 327 for six with Ian Smith on 30 and Evan Gray nine.

## British soccer

LONDON, Dec 18, (Reuters): Results of British soccer matches played on Wednesday.

English Football Association (FA) Cup Second round, third replay: Maidstone 2 Kidderminster 1 (Maidstone away to Sheffield United in third round).

Scottish Premier Division:

Aberdeen 2 St Mirren 1, Dundee U 1 Hibernian 2, Hearts 1 Motherwell 1, Morton 1 Dundee 2.

## Al Mousawi holds off Al Wazzan for Bahrain rally victory

## By Gail Seery in Bahrain

QATARI Abbas Al Mousawi and co-driver Mubarak Al Hajri took a 30 second victory over Tareq Al Wazzan and Khaled Khalifa in the BP Bahrain 4x4 Rally yesterday. Both drivers were in Range Rovers, and proved that this was the vehicle most ideally suited to the requirements of the event.

Of the top four places, three were held by Range Rovers. Al Wazzan was driving his Arah Times/Marlboro sponsored Range Rover which was recently rebuilt in Dubai for this event. Al Mousawi was driving the same vehicle that Al Wazzan took to tenth place in the Dubai international at the beginning of this month.

## Exact

This was the most closely fought Middle East international event since the Kuwait International in March, and both Mousawi and Wazzan set very close times throughout. However there was a degree of confusion about the exact times, and the results carried here are provisional, and dependent on a stewards meeting after going to press.

At one stage, immediately

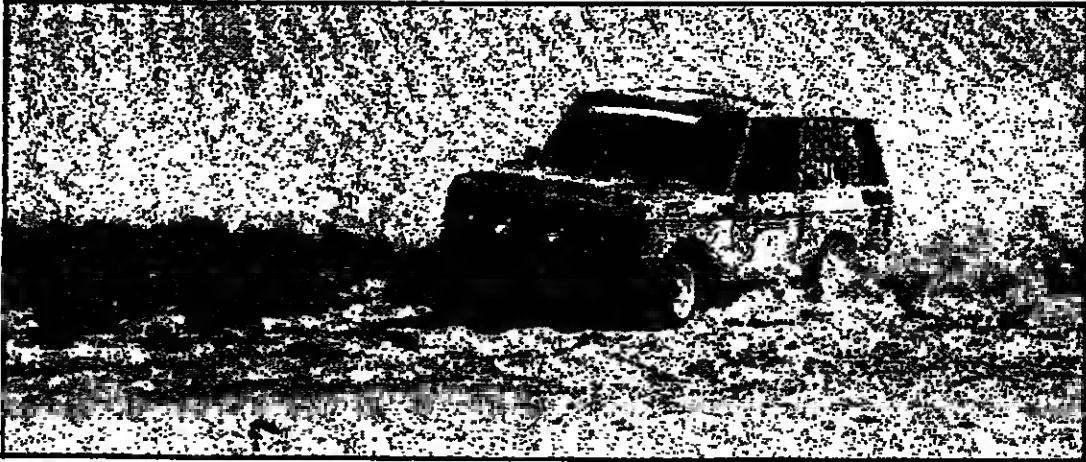
after the final stage, it was thought that Al Wazzan had won and why this was reversed is not currently clear.

In third place were Kuwaiti champions Ahmed Al Hilal and Fahed Al Rashid, in their Mitsubishi Pajero, just 18 seconds behind Al Wazzan and 48 seconds behind Mousawi. Fourth were new Marlboro driver Eid Falah Al Farzan and Sadeq Ashkanani, who suffered a host of problems in their Al Zayani backed Range Rover.

The Lamborghini Cheetah, piloted by Saudi Samir Kaaki, and co-driven by Mamdouh Khayat was fifth, with husband and wife team Tareq and Khulood Alyan finishing sixth. The sole Bahraini finisher, K. Ramadan, was in seventh and last place.

Right from the start of the event there were two distinct battles being fought: the first was between Al Wazzan and Al Mousawi for the lead, and the second was between Eid Falah and Ahmed Al Hilal for first place in the Marlboro Desert Challenge.

On the first stage, Wazzan was just one second faster than Mousawi, but from then on the Qatari team were clocking what occasionally appeared to be unbelievably fast times.



Al Wazzan: finishes in second place

Although Mousawi reported brake problems towards the end of the first leg, these didn't slow him. Wazzan hit what appeared to be disaster on stage three when he had problems with his fuel pump, which cost him one minute and thirty seconds.

"After that I was driving not against Abbas, but against myself to make up the time," he told the Arah Times. He made up the time over the remaining stages, despite more difficulties with punctures. Mousawi also suffered a puncture on the penultimate stage and it was at this stage that the Arah Times/Marl-

boro team believed they had caught and passed their rival. Navigator Khaled Khalifa said he was uncertain of how the results had come to be reversed.

In the other battle, Al Hilal managed to stay ahead of Falah, but felt that this rally was far more suited to the Range Rover — "it's a very humpy rally," he said. "The Pajero did well to finish so high." However he was unhappy of the result at the end.

"Ok, I only came in third, but at least I didn't short-cut," he told the Arab Times, referring to the controversy regarding the top two positions.

Eid Falah was having problems with shock absorbers. Throughout the latter part of the event his suspension had clearly gone, and he did well to stay in place and not drop back. The Range Rover was clearly very cumbersome and difficult to handle from then on. Earlier, he had problems with his fan belt, with the gearbox and with the steering.

Falah told the Arah Times that he was disappointed with the result, but added that the important thing was his standing in the Marlboro Desert Challenge. Bahraini champion Ebrahim

Matter was unfortunate to go out of the rally after stage 6 when he had a problem with his fuel pump: it blew up and caught fire. Ahmed Al Zafiri's Suzuki/Mazda went out early. It sounded very sick on leaving the ferry and was passed parked at the side of the road shortly after. He had to be pushed started into stage 2 by a service jeep, and went out at the end of the stage with a blown turbo.

**Completed**  
The rally was flagged off by Saeed Al Hajri in thick fog. 16 starters dwindled rapidly, and only seven finished. Of these, five were Kuwaiti, one was from Qatar. Only one Bahraini driver completed the event.

Promoter Sean O'Connor explained that as the island has not been hosting international events for some time, the standard of car preparation was apparently much lower. The rally also represented the highest number of Kuwaiti entrants in an international event outside Kuwait.

Provisional times: 1. Mousawi/Al Hajri 1.15.38, 2. Wazzan/Khalifa 1.16.08, 3. Hilal/Rashid 1.16.26, 4. Falah/Ashkanani 1.18.26, 5. Kaaki/Khayat 1.24.54, 6. Alyan/Alyan 2.03.47, 7. Ramadan/Ramadan 2.15.48.

## Mathew and Renuka show their class

RAVI MATHEW, the Kuwait Open badminton champion, showed his class again on Thursday when he took the men's singles title at the United Malayes Organisation (UMO) badminton tournament courts.

Mathew beat George Joseph in the final of the tournament which started on Dec 4 and after a number of rounds ended on Thursday.

Mathew later combined with K.S. Jose to clinch the double title with a victory over Johnson Varghese and Cherry George.

**Splendid**  
The singles match was a closely fought affair with Joseph giving nothing away but he had finally to give way to a splendid game by Mathew who delighted the crowd with his drop shots.

Renuka Gopinath also finished with a double crown. In the ladies' singles she beat Lekha Ramachandran and later combined with her opponent to beat Fauzia Kunhi Mohammed and Mrs Zuhra Mohammed Kutty in the ladies' doubles final.

Suresh Ramachandran and M.K. Fazil Kunhi Mohammed, who displayed their talents in an exhibition match after the men's singles final, were awarded the UMO Chairman's Medal for junior players.

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